



BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"

--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

30 Sep 87

Winter 1988/89

EUROPE'S POWERS GIRD FOR BATTLE

CLIFFHOME--The final roll call has been met. The Seven are joined. Now is the critical hour in Spiderdom's plan to keep these bipeds down. If we can keep the European powers at each other's throats long enough, we will stifle the political, economic, and thus scientific growth of these bipedal challenges to our supremacy of this galactic sector. We must succeed; we must make the Galaxy safe for Arachnids!

EMBASSY BEAT

WASHINGTON--President Bryan remarked to reporters "The World has entered a dangerous new age now the US and the European Great Powers have all changed administrations almost simultaneously." He also assured us that Americans had nothing to fear from European quarrels.

BORIS GALACTIC PRESS REVIEW

KLENDATHU KLARION--Sky Marshmallow Morrison's troops are in headlong retreat! Victory is ours! Holos at 3400.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: A few good men or women to be alternates for this struggle. Pay is zero, but the satisfaction can be immense. Apply within.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Only six applicants met the 19 Sep deadline. There were four who "promised" applications but failed to deliver on time. Tonight one of the four, through a spokesman, gave his preference list, so **Let the Game begin!**

As might be expected, there were three "First Choice" bids for both England and Turkey. The mighty Ms Nar resolved the conflicts with a roll of the dice. When the dust finally settled, three of you got your first choice, two got their second, one his fifth, and the former Lord Devon his last.

A gentle reminder concerning the game fee is in order. The fee is one first class stamp per season to cover postage. How you want to do it is up to you. You may:

- 1) send me a stamp every turn
- 2) send me a book of stamps as required
- 3) send money to cover the postage
- 4) pick up your copy of *Boris* personally and save the stamp

REMEMBER: No stampee, no playee. An easy way to go NMR. 'Nuff said.

Boris is indeed looking for alternates. If you have some out of town friends who might like to join in, have them drop me a line. Alternates get this august journal free while they either submit press or orders should a player go NMR. Note that under the attached Press Rules, their press would have to be limited to neutral countries and the Classifieds.



Speaking of the Press Rules, they're the same as last time. In case you've forgotten, another set is enclosed.

I would like to thank Don "Count von" Patrick for giving me a copy of a public domain DIP GM adjudication program. I managed to use it to double-check the Fall 1910 move of the last game. Its use resulted in all those write-in changes in the "Troop Movement" section. The program is written in Apple Pascal for those of you who might want to acquire a copy. Its use this game will raise the already high caliber of this journal to unprecedented heights. Now if I can only mount it on my hard disk without having to reformat it. Sigh.

Yes, there will be Super-Sudsy bombs and Press Excellence Awards again so sharpen your wits and your pencils. Dust off your dictionaries. Learn to type. Prepare to do literary battle with ally and foe alike!

ACTIVE PLAYERS

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DEADLINE for Spring '01 orders is 2 Nov 87.

PRESS RULES

- 1) All players are encouraged to provide at least one piece of "Press" per issue. Doing so both contributes to the "flavor" of the game and provides a ready means of imprinting a personal stamp on the proceedings. It can also prove to be a valuable tool in conducting diplomacy or pulling off a master deception.
- 2) The "Press" can be of three types:
 - a) "Official Statements" of governments and their agencies.
 - b) "Clippings" from newspapers and journals of the day.
 - c) "Personals", where anything (within reason) goes.
- 3) Only the player may make "official statements" for his government. In addition, a player is assumed to control all the newspapers and journals in the territories he controls and in the colonies, dominions, etc., of his starting country. EXCEPTION: A player may contribute articles from the "Underground press" originating in occupied home territories. In addition, the players, alternates, and the Game Master may contribute clippings from neutral countries. "Anonymous" sources in an unfriendly country may also be permissible at the GM's discretion.
- 4) To sum up, only White Propaganda is allowed in the Official Statement section, both White and Grey are allowed in the "clippings" section, and White, Grey, and Black are allowed in the Personals section.
- 5) The GM reserves the right to reject or edit articles of questionable taste.

PRESS HINTS

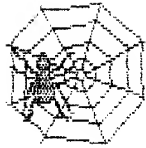
- 1) Do a little historical research into the era, your country, its leaders, and those of your allies and foes. It will surely provide you with ideas to enliven the Press and educate us all.
- 2) Feel free to creatively alter history if it suits your purpose.
- 3) DEFINITIONS:

Propaganda: Any information, ideas, doctrine, or special appeals in support of national objectives, designed to influence the opinions, emotions, attitudes, or behavior of any specified group in order to benefit the sponsor either directly or indirectly.

White Propaganda: Propaganda disseminated and acknowledged by the sponsor or by an accredited agency thereof.

Grey Propaganda: Propaganda that does not specifically identify any source.

Black Propaganda: Propaganda which purports to emanate from a source other than the true one.



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7 Nov 87

Spring 1901

RUSSIA INVADES GERMANY!

CLIFFHANGER--Our machinations have meshed perfectly. We soon will have all of Europe at war with itself. Our glorious Chief Bug's policy of "keepin' 'em divided" would seem to be working perfectly again. The crisis we fomented has already sent the uncommitted powers scurrying for a greater economic base to support their expansionist plans. Only the Tsar had the *chutzpah* to actually invade a neighboring major power. This may well take the heat off King Wayne if, as the Tsar hints, there is a Franco-German alliance aimed towards perfidious Albion. In the East, nobody knows who's stabbing whom yet, although the Russian southern flank may be no match for Turkish revanchism.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN: The Imperial Representative to the Foreign Office, Viscount Ronald Fisher, has announced negotiations with the governments of England, Italy and Russia for the preservation of peace on the continent.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Turkish nation moved this Spring to liberate the people of BUL. The Sultan's troops were greeted by huge welcoming crowds, (who were quickly disarmed!). In other matters, the Sultan blasted the warlike moves on France and Italy in the western Med.

LONDON: "Grand Fleet Sails" The 1st and 4th Battle Squadrons under the command of Admiral Sir J.R. Jellicoe aboard the *Trop Deke* sailed under exercise orders. "This is only a training maneuver for our Navy," Adm Sir Jellicoe was quoted as saying, "and will shake down some new cruisers as well as the refitted battleships."

ST PETERSBURG: Tsar Hudsonov released this official statement at the Winter Palace:

We wish to affirm the desire of the Russian people to have and maintain peaceful and productive relationships with all peoples. Further, we sincerely wish all nations moderate success in their diplomatic endeavors. We are striving to open further lines of communication with all members of the continent. We have received communications from representatives of the new German Kaiser's Reich which state in part, "Our government is interested in a few territories (*sic*) to the north and our concern has been expressed over your northern fleet. Even at this early date I (*the Imperial Representative*) am prepared to offer assurances of ~~no~~ aggressive (*sic*) moves towards Russian occupied territories (*sic*) from ... the German ... government. In return your pledge that the fleet will remain in STP... As a gesture of good faith Germany will de-militarize its western front."

We accept German assurances of no aggressive moves in principle but are alarmed at how German non-aggression manifests itself. First, we also have interest in the well being of the Scandinavian people but fail to see how unilateral German interest is to their benefit. Second, as to the disposition of our northern fleet, the purpose of a fleet is to sail, not remain in port. Third, as to Russian occupied



territories. There are no Russian occupied territories, only Russian people and Russian lands. Unlike the territories of Alsace-Lorraine, Schleswig-Holstein, and Silesia that Germany wrested from France, Denmark, and Austria-Hungary and now occupy. Fourth, we applaud German attempts to bring stability to Europe by demilitarizing. However, we were unaware that tensions on the German western front, with France, was apparently (until just recently) on the brink of military confrontation. We note the German communication said nothing about the German eastern front with Russia and Austria-Hungary.

Therefore, I have ordered the mobilization of the Russian military and have begun actions to preserve our sphere of influence. However, this action is not without recourse and we do solicit the attention of Germany and all nations to come to a mutually beneficial solution.

VIENNA: Count Donald Louis von Patrick, newly appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs, announced today he plans an official inspection tour of the Far East to increase the understanding between the people of the Austro-Hungarian and Asian empires. Key on the list will be stops in Tokyo, Seoul, Manila, and Honolulu. When asked about the trip to the obscure backwater on the Asian mainland, the Minister replied, "I foresee a day when great forces will clash over this piece of real estate. Besides, Christmas is coming, and I hear the harquains in clothes and brass are not to be missed."

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

ATHENS: KRONIKLE--"Commercial Shipping Attacked in ION": Several merchant ships were attacked yesterday while traversing ION while using the international sea lanes. Attacks came in the form of small boats armed with catapults. Swarms of the boats surrounded merchant vessels, firing projectiles which burst into flames upon contact. It is believed the contents of the projectiles are a form of "Greek fire" made famous during the Middle Ages by the Byzantine Navy.

The boat attacks are attributed to a recent militant Islamic revival centered in the city of Tunis. A religious zealot who claims to be the "Mahdi", the missing twelfth caliph of the line of Ali, returned to Earth. The Mahdi has launched a jihad to make the Mediterranean Sea an Islamic lake and to sweep it clean of infidel shipping.

Military analysts are surprised at the technology displayed by the Mahdi's navy. Unconfirmed reports attribute the appearance of Greek fire to recent aid the Mahdi received from the Emperor of China. However, tactical prowess displayed by the Mahdi's followers are not up to the standards required by this weapon. So far, all the ships that have been attacked were of iron and steel construction resulting in the need to repaint several hulls but no sunk shipping. However, the Mahdi's followers did manage to set some of their own wooden ships afire which promptly burnt to the waterlines.

KLENOATHU KLARTON--Sky Marshal Morrison's tin-plated, power-assisted troopers have fled in total dismay, leaving seven of their number for our xenobiologists to vivisection. Total Arachnid victory!

LA PRENZA (Valencia, Spain)--Greek shipping magnate Archimedes Quassis, vacationing here at La Costa del Sol, requested Spanish aid

to secure sea lanes off the coast of TUR. Specifically, Mr. Quassia requested the Spanish Navy reflag his merchant ships and supply gunboat escort through ION. The Secretary of the Navy assured Mr. Quassia that Spain would do all it can; however, most of the Spanish Navy is sunk, damaged, or impressed into American service after last year's disasters in Cuba and the Philippines.

LONDON DAILY NEWS--The Navy has announced a refit and upgrade program on several of the older battleships and cruisers. Although the Foreign Office says that we are not readying the fleet for war, this seems likely due to the mobilization of the German, Austrian and Russian armies. We hope that England will not be drawn into this but we see the need for a strong Navy to protect our shipping.

THE MULLAH WRAPPER (Teheran, Persia)--"Sultan Form: Dance Academy": Following the expulsion of hundreds of belly dancers from the cities in the grip of religious fanaticism, Sultan Gleason (from the old Turkoman *glāy'-scoo*, meaning: Giver of pain and delight) has created a reception center near the Porte to provide shelter for these cultural refugees. The action is meant to preserve the dying art of belly dancing. Once again, the skills of such notable dancers as Abdo Bakr and Fatima Yahr, which once graced the temples of Karnak and Luxor, can be seen.

MUNICH DAILY PRESS--The Ministry of Defence announced today that the High Seas Fleet will set sail for a "show the flag" visit to the Scandinavian countries to show the Kaiser's support for their governments in these trying times.

NEW YORK TIMES--"Maritime Insurance Rates Increase": Lloyd's of London recently announced an increase of insurance rates for those vessels transiting the Mediterranean. Recent pirate activity off the Barbary Coast is cited as the reason.

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER--"Earthquake Center Begins Operations": Pacific University opened the doors of its Seismology Center for earthquake predictions today. The Center was created to study earthquake activity in hopes of someday predicting earthquakes. Sensitive instruments can record shock waves radiating from earthquakes anywhere in the world. Already some activity has been noted. Dr. Donald Dewey, director of the Center stated, "We have picked up readings of a major event that was centered somewhere in Siberia. The magnitude of that event rivals the earthquake that struck San Francisco. It is strange that this would have occurred there since the rock structure in Siberia is very stable and one would not expect to see such activity there. I don't know what to make of it. Further, we have no confirmation of this from Russia."

SEATTLE POST--"High Levels of Smoke and Dust Contaminants in Atmosphere": The colorful sunsets we have recently been treated to are the results of large amounts of smoke and dust in the atmosphere. Volcanic activity or large forest fires are the usual causes for such high levels of contaminants. The actual source of this activity is not yet known, however, Siberia is the most likely location due to

prevailing winds.

La Stampa (Milan)--"Lord Devon Returns": In a time of national conflict and world war, Italy finally has reason to celebrate. Lord Devon, who established his name as a key leader in Garibaldi's Red Shirts during the reunification of Italy, has come home to Rome today as a national hero. Lord Devon returns to Italy to marry King Vittorio-Emmanuelle III's oldest daughter and accept the position of Admiral of the Royal Navy. The King first offered the position of Admiral after Lord Devon lead Italy to a unified nation, but before he could accept he had to return to his homeland England leaving behind his love. He now returns in hope that his marriage can bring his England and Italy together in this time of conflict, and to help Italy against the Ottoman hordes. The King gave his blessing freely to the marriage, but asked that Lord Devon would give up his right to the throne of Italy for political reasons. Pope Leo XIII will perform the wedding in what should prove to be one of Italy's greatest celebrations in history. The people of Italy will rest easier with Admiral Devon defending Italy by sea.

CLASSIFIEDS

Ay thinks them Eye-ties won't sleep so well if Lord Devon's boys run up against Queen Vickie's men--what? --Adm Richard Bolitho, RN(Ret)

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It might be worth it if the long-winded nations had one too. But alas, they don't. Perhaps a hint to Santa Nar is in order. --Boris

"I certainly think that it is better to be impetuous than cautious, for fortune is a woman, and it is necessary ... to conquer her by force." --Machiavelli

Not likely to make it with Jane Fonda, is he? --Boris

WANTED: Ironmongers, ship fitters and steel workers. A new ship refit program needs shipyard workers of all types. Good wages and new medical benefits are available when you sign in contact are London Office Mess Sub N.W. today.

The union of the English House to the Italian nation spells certain doom for lord devon."

Fatima Ymir's School of Dance
Artistic expression through mastery of technique
"Ask for our free lesson"
Observe students and instructors through our large oneway screens

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the author of the School of Dance ad.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is the author of the SF *Examiner* article for moving up the Great Quake by at least six years. Bad history.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Before y'all get uppitty about spelling, I will make this disclaimer now: I will normally try to correct any gross misspellings in the Embassy Beat and Press Review sections. Variations for British spellings and, perhaps, spoken accents will be allowed. I will occasionally get fed up with being a 3rd grade teacher and print all of the above as they are submitted. However, in the Classifieds, I prints it likes you spells it (or as I decipher you spells it). 'Nuff said. If unsure of a spelling, please consult a dictionary. If you want something deliberately misspell, let me know. After all, it could be a coded message to your agents. It's bad enough I have fat fingers...

ADDRESS CORRECTION: Sultan Ali C.J. actually lives at Apt 226, not Apt 26 as previously reported. Many abject apologies, sahib (but Devon probably gave me the wrong address in the first place!). Please annotate your last issue accordingly.

Thought for the Season: from "Support Your Local Gunfighter":

Jack Elam: "You hit him from behind?!"

James Garner: "Just as hardrd as I could!"

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Bud, F Tri-Alb

ENGLAND: A Lpl-Edi, F Edi-Nrg, F Lon-Ntl

FRANCE: A Nar-Spa, A Par-Pic, F Rne-Mid

GERMANY: A Ber-Kie, A Mun H, F Kie-Den

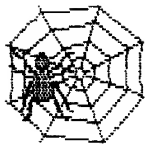
ITALY: A Rom-Apu, A Ven H, F Nap-Ion

RUSSIA: A Mos-War, A War-Sil, F Sev-Bla, F StP(isc)-Bot

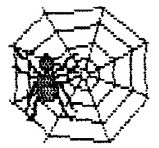
TURKEY: A Con-Bul, A Smy-Ank, F Ank-Con

DEADLINE for Fall '01 orders is 14 Dec 27.

P.S. Personal notes, if any, below.



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22 Dec 87

Fall 1901

PRUSSIA OCCUPIED!

MURKWOOD--The Russian steamroller has smashed its way into eastern Germany and now threatens the Kaiser's capital. The Russian Navy, however, has shown itself to be impotent. Worse yet, the Tsar faces the possibility of an English invasion of his capital, while Germany is under no immediate danger unless England and/or France join the fray. The rest of the moves were fairly routine--save the Turkish support for the failed Russian occupation of RUM and the British annexation of HOL. Indeed, British policy towards their Germanic cousins will determine the balance of power in the West, and Lord Devoni, the British expatriate, holds the scales in the East.

EMBASSY BEAT

MUNICH--(Ministry of Foreign Affairs) "Kaiser Decries Russian Army": In a speech today the Kaiser called for public condemnation of the Russian occupation of the German territory of SIL. "All peace-loving governments of Europe should make a great cry of anguish over this threat to national stability and this threat of bloodshed to satisfy the Czar's lust for power and land not belonging to him." The Kaiser added after the speech, "This may explain a lot of the noise the Communists, agitating around European capitals with anti-Czar agitation." Pressed for an official governmental response to the Russian move, the Kaiser declined comment, but when asked repeatedly, finally answered, "If the army is still on German soil, if our current negotiations are not fruitful, by the first of the new year, this Russian occupation, to me, will be an act of war and I will recommend the government take appropriate actions then." The Kaiser also refused comment on reported French, Austrian, and Turkish military moves and refused to equate the German fleet visiting DEN with the Russian army in SIL.

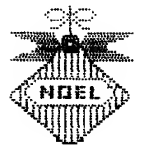
BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

ATHENEE KRONIKLE: "French Slave Trade Uncovered" A small French steamer was siezed by the Italian government at the port of Tunis today. The steamer was carrying twenty Turkish Belly Dancers with forged passports. The ship's captain admitted that the women were to be turned over to a confederate at Marseille, to be taken to the Brothel of Paris. The women all in their early twenties will be sent to Rome awaiting word from Turkey as to their eventual relocation.

LONDON TIMES: "English Fleet makes Port Call in Amsterdam" The 1st Squadron of the Grand Fleet was forced to make an unscheduled stop in Amsterdam this week.

Three of the older battleships suffered breakdown during their manuevers in the North Sea along the Dutch coast. They were towed to the port of Amsterdam as the closest friendly port to effect repair.

This proves the need to modernize the fleet at the soonest possible time to protect the English seas and our interests in other friendly countries.



CLASSIFIEDS

Stay out of the Black Sea!

Rumania is neutral

From Russia with love (Silesia Occupation Army)

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Boris for the "Thought for the Season".

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is the US Postal Service for taking 10+ days to deliver the Austrian move.

BORIS SPEAKS!

ADDRESS CLARIFICATION: It seems we inadvertantly omitted listing Dr Scharnhorst's zip code on the roster two issues ago. It is 66204. Please annotate your copy accordingly.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Effective 3 Jan 88, T.J. Klausutis, McCollum Hall Box 4398, Florida St Univ, Fl 32313, Phone (904)-644-6977.

Belated birthday greetings go out to Alternate Pete Meyer.

Please note that the deadline is on a Tuesday this time. This is due to the 18th being a federal holiday with no mail service. Remember, this is a "post-marked by" or "phoned-in by" deadline.

Thought for the Season: Once the Xerox copier was invented, private diplomacy died. There's no such thing as secrecy. It's just a question of whether it's leaked or revealed openly. --Andrew Young

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Rum, A Ser S A Bud-Rum, F Alb-Gre
ENGLAND: A Edi-Nwy, F Nrg C A Edi-Nwy, F Nth-Hol
FRANCE: A Pic-Bel, A Spa-Por, F Mid-Spa(sc)
GERMANY: A Kie-Ber, A Mun S A Kie-Ber, F Den-Swe
ITALY: A Apu-Tun, A Ven-Apu, F Ion C A Apu-Tun
RUSSIA: A Sil-Mun, A War-Pru, F Bla-Rum, F Bot-Swe
TURKEY: A Ank-Con, A Bul S RUS F Bla-Rum, F Con-Aeg

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, Tri, Vie, +Gre, +Ser	5 (+2)	Build two units
ENG:	Edi, Lon, Lpl, +Hol, +Nwy	5 (+2)	Build two units
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, +Bel, +Por, +Spa	6 (+3)	Build three units
GER:	Ber, Kie, Mun, +Den	4 (+1)	Build one unit
ITA:	Nap, Rom, Ven, +Tun	4 (+1)	Build one unit
RUS:	Mos, Sev, StP, War, Rum	4 (=)	No change
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy, +Bul	4 (+1)	Build one unit

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25 Jan 88

Winter 1901/02

EUROPE MOBILIZES!

MINAS MORGUL--Taking advantage of the dismal winter weather, the Great powers busily mobilized their reserve forces and laid down plans and supplies for a long conflict. They shan't be disappointed. Perhaps the only surprise amongst the builds was the construction of the Austrian 2nd Fleet. The move implies a healthy respect for Turkish (and perhaps Italian?) naval potential and either opportunism based on the unlikelihood of Russian armies intervening in defense of Turkey while engaged with German troops or indeed some sort of Russo-Austrian neutrality pact. Meanwhile the French double fleet build should be causing ulcers in both London and Rome.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--In a speech today the Kaiser announced a call-to-arms in the port city of Kiel. The formation of Army Group North, slated as a guard unit to free units of the existing armies for other duties, is in direct reaction to the "Russian forces now moving over German soil". The Kaiser continued: "Russian dreams of conquest are a threat to all of Europe and demand equivalent actions be taken by the civilized nations to prevent a new wave of barbarism from returning the Dark Ages to the continent."

The High Seas Fleet has been recalled to waters closer to home in view of the mounting crisis in the East. The Kaiser also noted that the Swedish government rebuffed the advance of the Russian fleet in the same time frame and said envoys were being dispatched to all the Scandinavian countries as well as the major European Powers to promote German interests and try to preserve peace on the continent.

STOCKHOLM--Bad seamanship and weather protected the neutrality of Sweden from the two invading navies from Russia and the German occupation fleet based in DEN.

The Russian fleet was forced by an early freeze to withdraw its fleet back to Tallinn or risk ripping out their hulls in the thick ice. The German fleet followed some strategically misplaced channel markers. This caused its transports to run aground while trying to enter the port cities of Malmo and Helsingborg. Expert defending gun fire forced the rest back.

King Oscar II restated Sweden's neutrality and has asked for an apology from both Germany and Russia. The possibility of aid from England was also discussed by the King. Rationing of vital supplies was also enacted to insure the national survival.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

THE SOBER CELT (Dublin underground press): Observers from the Emerald Isle are dismayed by the general mayhem in Europe. One can but wonder if the English and French concerted moves into the Low Countries are really to aid Germany or to crush that nation against the Russian hordes. However, we can but applaud the awesome power of Austria-Hungary and Italy forming a solid wall against the Godless Turks and the unholy alliance with the Russian Tsar.



Local News--Riots nearly resulted today when the British imposed a two farthing tax on each quart of whisky purchased and a penny tax on each whisky drink. The tax was supposedly for the war chest but was quickly rescinded until further studies could be made of the feasibility of collecting the tax. Many Irishmen indicated they would construct their own stills before paying the tax.

WASHINGTON POST--Taking some time from his hunting expedition in Montana, President Roosevelt had some comments for reporters concerning the situation in Europe. "I don't know what this Kaiser fellow is in such a huff about. After all, his Prussian ancestors stole SIL from the Austrians the same way 153 years ago, not to mention half of KIE from Denmark not 36 years ago. Then there's Alsace-Lorraine, ceded by the French 30 years ago. It seems the German Emperor doesn't like the shoe being on the other foot."

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Wanted: Military assistance against British rule. Apply Sinn Fein, PO Box 1690, New York, New York, USA.

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BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to *The Sober Celt*.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Germany. The Kaiser doth protest too much.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: "Frank and explicit"--that is the right line to take when you wish to conceal your own mind and confuse the minds of others.
--Disraeli

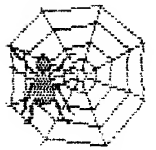
TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: Build A Vie, F Tri
ENGLAND: Build F Edi, F Lon
FRANCE: Build A Par, F Bre, F Mar
GERMANY: Build A Kie
ITALY: Build F Nap
TURKEY: Build F Smy

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28 Feb 88

Spring 1902

ASSAULT ON TURKEY BEGINS!

CLIFFHOME--The massive eastern thrust of forces of the Austro-Italian Entente has thrown Turkish forces into disarray. With aid from the Tsar unlikely, the Porte can only look to Paris, whose fleets in WES and LYD pose a very proximate threat to Rome. The French, however, have their own problems with the appearance of a British fleet in ENG and the precarious position of the Kaiser, La Belle France's best shield against the dreaded Russian steamroller.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--*Germany Declares War* "A state of war exists between Imperial Germany and the barbaric horde invading from the East. As this is a threat to all civilized nations, I call on the rest of Europe to rise in arms and help kick these modern Vandals back to the cold wastes of their origin." ...Released by the Office of Foreign Affairs from a private address of the Kaiser.

LONDON--The English government has determined that the French build of two fleets is excessive. We believe the French are planning an invasion of England.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

VOLKES' ZEITUNG (Bern, Switzerland)--*Danish Resistance Movement Forms* A popular liberation movement has arisen in occupied Denmark. The Danish Resistance is being supported by a local populace that is more and more estranged by German occupation policy. The most recent complaint is, Danish dairy products are being suppressed so surplus German dairy products can find a market. This policy spells D-I-S-A-S-T-E-R for the Danish economy which relies heavily on export dairy goods. This resentment manifests itself in the new slogan adopted by the Danish Resistance, "Eat cheese or die!" More enterprising Danes favored a less strident slogan designed to attract tourism to offset declining dairy sales, "Come smell our dairy air."

CLASSIFIEDS

Boris to all: Press! I need Press!!

French tarts are nice.

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the author of the *Volkes' Zeitung* article.

This Season's recipients of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb are all whose Press is nonexistent.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: Diplomacy without arms is like music without instruments.
--Frederick the Great



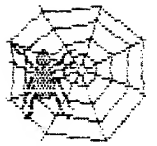
TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Rum, A Ser S F Gre-Bul(sc), A Vie-Gal, F Gre-Bul(sc),
F Tri-Alb
ENGLAND: A Nwy-Fin, A Edi-Nwy, F Hol-Hel, F Lon-Eng, F Nrg-Nwy
FRANCE: A Bel S A Par-Bur, A Par-Bur, A Por-Spa, F Bre-Mid, F
Mar-Lyo, F Spa(sc)-Wes
GERMANY: A Ber-Pru, A Kie-Den, A Mun-Sil, F Den-Bal
ITALY: A Apu H, A Tun H, F Ion-Eas, F Nap-Ion
RUSSIA: A Pru S A Sil, A Sil S A Pru, F Bla-Ank, F Bot-StP(sc)
TURKEY: A Bul-Ser(d), A Con-Ank, F Aeg S ITA A Apu-Gre(nso), F
Smy-Con

DEADLINE for Fall 1902 orders is 28 Mar 88.



BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE
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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

10 Apr 68

Fall 1982

TSAR ABDICATES!!

MURKWOOD--Citing the need to live in a more salubrious climate, Tsar Robert has abdicated the Russian Throne in favor of his cousin Paul, the Archduke of Moscow. Rumors that the Russian invasion of Eastern Germany was really an attempt to drive down real estate values in Central Europe seem now to be well-grounded as ex-Tsar Robert is retiring to Luxembourg.

The political situation is becoming clearer now as it appears an Anglo-French alliance is operating in the West, modified by a probable Franco-German non-aggression pact. The East has an Austro-Italian alliance aimed at Turkey, while Russia and Germany butt heads with each other in Central Europe. A Franco-Turkish alliance may also be in place; if not, it surely will be shortly.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--In a public speech today the Kaiser denounced Russia in the strongest terms and vowed the German armies would "Repell the barbaric invaders and reclaim all occupied Germanic lands." Talk of the High Seas Fleet sailing for SIP started after hints of eastward movement of the scout cruisers during the speech started rumors in the enthusiastic audience. (sic)

KREMLIN (Moskva)--It's been reported that Tsar Pavel IV (lately the Archduke of Moscow) was informed of his ascension to the throne late last week, days before the christening of his cousin. Tsar Pavel made his first official appearance as Head of State at the christening of his cousin Travis Smith whose father is a diplomatic envoy from London. Reportedly Tsar Pavel was heard to say, "What an auspicious beginning for my reign; another blood lie has been formed to the King of England!"

LONDON--The King and his government have made a temporary nine week move to Southampton to increase our understanding of world events. They are expected back 15 May (if London is still under English control!)

ST PETERSBURG (Ministry of Defence)--The Minister of Defence issued a statement today explaining the erratic movement of Russian units. He said, "There was a period of one week where the unit commanders had no direction. They therefore struck out on their own. With the firm hand of Tsar Pavel IV now at the helm, the units will once again be brought under control."

WASHINGTON--President Roosevelt has viewed with alarm European sabre-rattling and now the (admittedly justified) German Declaration of War against Russia. "This bodes ill for the World when a petty civil war among the clans of Europe threatens to inflame the entire globe with the ravages of War. Believe me, fellow citizens, it won't be long before a clever propagandist on one side or the other incites (or bribes) enough members of Congress to self-righteous anger and a Declaration of War is passed. Forbid it Almighty God."



BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

LONDON TIMES: The English government conceded today that a grave error in judgement was made in our dealing with our friends the French. The fleet will be directed out of ENG and defuse a possible overreaction of our southern friends. An official apology will be sent to the government of France.

NEUER ZUERCHER ZEITUNG: Persistent semi-official leaks from the Porte claim that the Turkish Army in BUL was not destroyed as reported but was secretly withdrawn to Mecca to attend the 1157th Annual All-Islam Domino Tournament, leaving only a thin covering force. It was this that the Austrian marines smashed. The Army was withdrawn since that Army boasts 12,692 of the 15,000 ranked players and team members in the Islamic world. A national treasure indeed!

NOVAE VREMIA--Amidst great pomp and joy, Tsar Pavel IV has ascended the throne and assumed the title "Tsar Autocrat of All the Russias and Eastern Germany".

CLASSIFIEDS

Painted in a black and white pattern a sign reads: The first part is female.

Kaiser to Vladimir Ilyich Ulanov: We're deporting you home. Get in there and do your best.

Ms Nar: Does England expect enemy paratroopers over LON skies? The Wright Bros. don't fly until 1903! Paranoia is rampant in England.

Wanted: One German-speaker, fluent in Russian. Apply Russian Embassy, Luxemburg.

!-----!
! This space reserved for a fate worse than death! !
! Freddy J. McReady !
!-----!

Lasker to World: 1. d4.

Admiral Pegleg to Admiral One-Eyed: When do we begin anew, me hearty?

NK36E HT34M HU3E4 ZOPGR TIGER

Nar to Italy: *Parla Francese?*

BOOS AND KUDDS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes will not be awarded this season since no one met or exceded her standards.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is the Kaiser, who seems a bit incoherent in the report of his apoplectic speech.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Welcome to Mark Doyle, our new alternate, recruited at CoastCon '88 in

Biloxi, MS. Mark is stationed at Scott AFB, IL where Maj Bob (Tsar) Hudson was recently posted.

As mentioned in our headline, Bob Hudson has PCS'd (that means "been transferred" for our non-military types) to Germany. Since mail to Europe is notoriously slow through the AFPO/FPO system, Bob has transferred Russia to that old Cossack, Paul Saunders. They both happened to be here a couple of weeks ago so the transition was fairly orderly.

As you well know, the postage rates have gone up, so too has the game fee. Your present status is (assuming no further rate increases):

Temporary address change: As mentioned in the emergency postcard and implied by his Press, England has a temporary address until 15 May 88. It is: SMSgt Wayne Morrison, FSCF3 Box 9929, Gunter AFB, AL 36114; no phone number available (he's sharing a public phone booth with umpteen other guys and gals).

This issue represents a new first in my postal GM'ing--four players were technically NMR. My usual barrage of collect long distance phone calls covered the situation, but I'm open to suggestions on either how I might lower the delinquency rate and/or raise the Press submission rate. All letters will be appreciated.

InCider magazine is running a contest for the most creative forms of desktop publishing using Apple-based equipment. *Roris* certainly qualifies. I would appreciate it if y'all will make an especial effort to submit Press in the next two issues so I can submit a copy of this magazine for consideration. Thanks.

Thought for the Season: The victories of Diplomacy are won by a series of microscopic advantages; a judicious suggestion here, an opportune civility there, a wise concession at one moment and a farsighted persistence at another; or sleepless tact, immovable calmness and patience that no folly, no provocation, no blunder can shake.
--Lord Salisbury

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Gal-Ukr, A Rum S F Bul(sc), A Ser S F Bul(sc), F Alb-Gre, F Bul(sc) H
ENGLAND: A Fin-Swe, F Eng-Nth, F Hel S F Nth-Den, F Nth-Den, F Nwy S A Fin-Swe
FRANCE: A Bel H, A Bur S A Bel, A Spa-Bas, F Lyo S F Wes-Tyn, F Nic-Wes, F Wes-Tyn
GERMANY: A Ser-Prv, A Den-Swe(r-??), A Rur-Sil, F Bel S A Ber-Prv
ITALY: A Apr-Ven, A Lun R, F Ees-Smy, F Ion-Tyn
RUSSIA: A Pru-War, A Sil-Buh, F Eia-Guk, F StP(sc)-Bot
TURKEY: A Con-Ank, F Aeg S F Smy-Con, F Smy-Con

Orders in *Italics* fail. German A Den may either retreat to KIE or disband; if the latter, Germany may not disband another unit. Other players may make conditional Winter orders based on the tear/retreat.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, Trl, Vie, Gre, Ser, +Bul, +Rum	7	Build 2
ENG:	Edl, Lon, Lpl, HoJ, Nwy, +Den, +Swe	7	Build 2
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Por, Spa	6	no change
GER:	Ber, Kie, Mun, -Den	3	Tear 1 %
ITA:	Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun	4	No change
RUS:	Mos, Sev, SLF, War	4	No change
TUR:	Ank, Con, Say, -Bul	3	No change

* need not tear if retreating unit disbands.

DEADLINE for Winter '02/03 orders is 2 May 88.

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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

8 May 88

Winter 1902/03

WINTER DOLDRUMS CONTINUE

MINAS MORGUL--So what is there to say? Germany and Italy are in big trouble, and Turkey only slightly less so. Should Count von Patrick and the new Tsar hammer out their differences Islam will be expunged from the face of Europe. Only England can derail the French juggernaut headed toward Rome. Germany can only hope for a *rapprochement* with the carnivorous Tsar to pull her bacon out of the fire.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--The Kaiser is sending a new envoy to Russia. He deplores British treachery.

COPENHAGEN--In a lightning move today the English Royal Marines threw out the German invaders. England has offered both military and economic aid to the Danes with preferred treatment given to the Danish Dairy Industry. The English need more milk for their tea.

LONDON--Under heavy fog conditions the combined efforts of three fleets and the English 1st Army successfully repelled German intentions to occupy SWE and cut off the German army from its supply base in DEN. DEN is now free to sell its dairy products anywhere at their own price.

Germany is now running back to its own borders and hopefully has learned to not be so aggressive to its neighbors. "England is now the Peace Keeper of Europe and all aggression will be severely dealt with," stated the King from Southampton today.

The fleets and armies will protect the North countries until the warfare to the south ceases.

VATICAN CITY--The Pontiff has sent a request to the French Ambassador to seek peace with Italy. (However, anything which slows the growth of the Ottoman Empire will be well appreciated.)

CLASSIFIEDS

Beware the French!!

DIPLOMACY players on this planet with a computer and modem. I would like to organize some games. Eric Klien, 1 Sinai Circle B10, Chelmsford, MA 01824, (617) 663-5480.

Germany: You should have listened!

To all nations --- It pays to communicate!

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bulduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to England for the Copenhagen article.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Budsy bomb is Sultan Ali C.J. for keeping his address confidential. Communication should be *vital* to Diplomats.



BORIS SPEAKS!

The latest issue of *The Avalon Hill General* (Vol 24, #3) is largely dedicated to *Diplomacy*, especially the postal hobby. It should not be missed.

Address correction: Tsar Paul's PO Box # is 6535, not 6235 as our last published roster indicated. Abject apologies, Sahib. Please make the appropriate correction on your rosters.

Address Changes: By the time y'all get this King Wayne will be back at his Langley AFB address, his TOY to Alabama over. Also, Lord Devoni will be back at 201 Devon Ct, FWB, FL 32548, (904)-662-6075. Sultan Ali C.J. is also back from Tallahassee for the summer but has not deigned to reveal his address. His phone number is (904)-651-2897 which I'm sure will be of more practical use since few of you seem to actually use the mails for your correspondence.

Birthday greetings to King Wayne on 6 Jun.

Welcome to new alternate William Wilson of Gulfport, MS.

Thought for the Season: A Diplomat's life is made up of three ingredients: Protocol, Geritol, and alcohol. —Aolai E. Stevenson

TROOP MOVEMENTS

German A Den disbanded rather than retreating to KIE.

AUSTRIA: Build A Vie, F Tri

ENGLAND: Build F Lon, A Edi

UNIT POSITIONS

AUS: A Rum, A Ser, A Vie, A Ukr, F Bul(sc), F Gre, F Tri

ENG: A Edi, A Swe, F Den, F Hel, F Lon, F Nth, F Nwy

FRA: A Bel, A Bur, A Gas, F Lyo, F Tyn, F Wes

GER: A Pru, A Sil, F Bal

ITA: A Tun, A Ven, F Eas, F Ion

RUS: A Boh, A War, F Bla, F Bot

TUR: A Con, F Sny, F Aeg

DEADLINE for Spring '03 orders is 6 Jun 98.



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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

12 Jun 88

Spring 1903

FRENCH PRESIDENT RESIGNS! :

CLIFFHOME--Events in Europe have taken a bizarre turn with the sudden resignation of the French President and the assumption of power by M. Wilson. The French assault on Italy, however, goes on apace, blunting the sharp edge of the developing Lepanto attack. The new fear evidentially prefers solid defense to the slashing, albeit risky, offensives of his predecessor. Meanwhile Albion quietly consolidates her holdings and waits the proper moment.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--The Kaiser today announced the beginnings of a treaty of non-aggression between Germany and Russia. "Our envoy to Moscow has reported new understandings to end all hostilities between our nations and I have a good feeling that we will come to agreements leading to peace in the eastern provinces. The most recent non-aggressive moves by the Russian armies on German soil and the relaxations of tensions between the armies gives us hope that further confrontations can be avoided and a basis for peaceful relations established." In answer to questions the Kaiser ignored those relating to the English invasion of DEN, but did comment that the commander of the routed Northern Army had been arrested and returned to Berlin and issued a new call to arms to replace the lost corps. There were no comments in the statement that no trouble occurred in DEN until the Army replaced the High Seas Fleet here.

LONDON--In order to quell the wariness on the continent, the King has ordered more infantry to occupy the Low Countries. The 2nd Expeditionary Corps has been sent to HOF to insure that the suspected mass of armies moving north and east can be held back.

It is with deep regret that we must move into Germany in order to see the end of this conflict.

MUNICH--The Foreign Office and the Defense Ministry announced an "arrangement" that will grant one English army safe conduct through German territories. Rumors abound that this army will invade France, invade Italy, or help the Austrians against Russia, or all three. The German Minister hinted they were for scouting for hunting lodges in forested regions for R&R of the officer corps.

PARIS--Unable to refuse the repeated entreaties of his close personal friend, Paul Gauguin, President David Scharnhorst resigned his office today in order to emigrate to Tahiti. Gauguin's health is reportedly failing and wishes to bequeath his legacy of fine art, beautiful women, and fun in the sun to his dearest friend. As justification for his sudden and unexpected departure, the President said, "I'm afraid Europe is, like, totally doomed."

PARIS--Returning from exile in French Equatorial Africa, Bonapartist William Wilson has overthrown the Third Republic. He has strong support from the peasants and has gained the support of the military



by promising more support for the war against Italy.

In a speech today, Wilson pledged more attention to domestic affairs. In regards to foreign affairs, he pledged to conquer Italy. "They deserve it," he exclaimed and the cheers of the crowd left no doubt that they were behind him 110%! Wilson also vowed to bring the Pope back to Avignon, "where he belongs."

Wilson called for peace among all nations (except Italy, of course) and for more colonialism in Africa, but assured everyone it had nothing to do with his financial interests in the area.

Wilson also invited the King of England to Paris for talks on increased trade of Danish cheese and French wine.

WASHINGTON--A high administration source, who prefers to remain anonymous, has revealed that the White House was jolted by the resignation of M. Scharnhorst and the sudden overthrow of the Third Republic. The President briefly considered sending an expeditionary force to France to restore the Republic, but was dissuaded by cooler heads and the sheer logistical nightmare of such a proposal. Nonetheless, the War and Navy departments have been ordered to create a "Rapid Deployment Force" for use in developing emergencies.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

BOSTON GLOBE--The British Parliament enacted the Whiskey Tax Act. Of particular note was the exclusion of Scottish whiskey from the tax. One must wonder why the government of the English monarch would say that the tax was an absolute necessity for funding the military while excluding a large portion of the economy. Obviously, the Irish are again being oppressed by the English.

ICELANDIC CHRONICLE--Alec Guinness has remarked that the whiskey tax is a cowardly plot to ruin the Irish people and the economy. He further stated that the Act will do more to harm the Irish economy than the potato famine. Guinness announced that henceforth, he will produce a fine if beer (called Guinness Extra) and shutdown his whiskey operations.

CLASSIFIEDS

England questions: WHERE ARE ALL THE DIPLOMATS?

WANTED: Several rolls of copper tubing. Inquire at Irish importers.

I just want to know how the Act is harming the potato famine.--Boris

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Edouard Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Dr. Scharnhorst for the first Paris article.

This season's recipient of a Ms. Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Count von Patrick for missing the deadline, AGAIN.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: The true warrior often understands his enemy better than he understands his friends. A dangerous pitfall if you let understanding lead to sympathy as it will naturally do when left unguided.
--Dasher Miles Teg

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Rum S A Ukr-Sev, A Ser-Bal, A Ukr-Sev, A Vie listens to
 Brahms, F Bul(sc)-Aeg, F Gre S F Bul(sc)-Aeg, F Tri-Alb;
 ENGLAND: A Edi-Hol, A Swe-Den, F Den-Kie, F Hel S A Edi-Hol, F
 Lon-Eng, F Nth C A Edi-Hol, F Nwy-Swe;
 FRANCE: A Bel H, A Bur-Pic, A Gas-Mar, F Lyo-Tus, F Tyn S F Wes-Tun,
 F Wes-Tun;
 GERMANY: A Pru-Ber, A Sil-Mun, F Bal H;
 ITALY: A Ven-Rom, A Tun H(r-NAf), F Eas-Ion, F Ion-Nap;
 RUSSIA: A Boh-Gal, A War-Mos, F Sla-Sev, F Bot-Bal;
 TURKEY: A Con-Bul, F Aeg-Gre(r-Smy), F Smy-Eas.

Orders in italice fail. GM has contacted Italy and Turkey to verify
 their intention to retreat rather than disband.

 DEADLINE for Fall 1983 orders is 11 Jul 86.

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* Temporary summer addresses. When school starts Boris will provide
 updates in the "Boris Speaks" section (*vide supra*).



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16 Jul 58

Fall 1923

AUSTRIAN FLEET SMASHED!

PURKWOOD--In what is wrongly being called the Second Battle of Lepanto (that historic struggle took place just to the west of the Corinthian isthmus, not to the east as did this one) Turkish naval forces trapped and destroyed the Austrian 1st Fleet and regained control of AEG and its vital access routes to CON. It may prove to be only a temporary setback to the Hapsburgs as they inexplicably were able to maintain the army in SEV, forcing the isolation of the Tsar's F RLA. Meanwhile in the West, France has recognized the threat posed to her by England and is wheeling her forces to face perfidious Albion, allowing Italy to regain TUN. England has evidently reduced the Kaiser to the size she wants him, and is now nibbling at la Belle France. Prospects for an Anglo-Austrian stalemate have improved greatly.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--The Kaiser announced a series of Army maneuvers to take place throughout the country. "These training exercises will stress small units acting independently and is not to be seen as a threat to any other nation. Our armies are primarily concerned with German defense and we desire peaceful relations with all our neighbors."

In other announcements, the High Seas Fleet will remain on training exercises in BAL for the time being, with shore leave in BER for the upcoming holidays.

HUE, FRENCH INDO-CHINA--The military commander here announced the repulse of a British force that crossed from Burma into Northwest Laos. The British were turned away with heavy losses at Luang Prabang, and the French forces continued to inflict casualties as they pursued them to the border. The British were apparently trying to capture the extensive rubber plantations there.

NAPLES--The Royal Italian Navy has been called back from AEG in hopes to save the people of TUN. The fleet had to drop its prior obligation of escort duty to all merchant ships through AEG. In doing such, we hope that Turkish-backed terrorists don't destroy all merchant trading in the area. The pullback of the Navy was called for by the Pope in hope to stop the senseless murders of thousands of innocent people. Italy regrets having to abandon the merchants to the sharks of Turkey. We only hope some good can happen from this move.

PARIS--The Emperor said he was "flabbergasted" at the report from Indo-China. "If confirmed," he stated, "he would have no alternative but to declare war."

PARIS--(from a speech by the Emperor) "I today announced my intention to leave all hostilities with Italy...I was duped into continuing the war by a traitorous advisor implanted by Austria. I was flabbergasted, to say the least, and immediately sent him on safari -- permanently. I feel France-Austrian relations are now in grave trouble...and have received no explanation from the Grand or his Ambassador."



ROME--Italy's De Gaulle has announced today that a state of war has existed between France and Italy since the invasion of the proletarian state of Italy. This attack was first thought to be a move to control Mediterranean merchant shippings and reports of mass killings of the men, women and children of Italy has shown France's real intention: the complete destruction of all the nations of Europe. The direct threats made to the Pope and Rome are just the beginning. If France is allowed to continue without resistance, all of Europe will not be safe. The Italian Nation will stop at nothing to protect herself from France and pledge to seek the complete destruction of the French war dogs. The Italian government urges the nations of Europe to support our cause before all is lost.

VIENNA--The new Ministry for Environmental Affairs announced its first production. Citing massive stockpiles which threatens the Austrian water supply, the government banned "The New NR Super-Soddy Bomb (ATB)", a rather famous brand of detergent. It had become a popular favorite sport for youngsters to pile these in mountains creating great hazards. It is rumored that a foreign government officials have been subjected to the poison. No other brand of detergent is safer to use as soon as it comes in contact with water. In addition to the fear of long-term environmental damage, studies by some of the willing state was also cited.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

IN WALTON DEAR PULLY WRAP-PEE--The Ministry of Defense, Peace & Operation announced today that it would send mail against the Austrian Ministry for Environmental Affairs in an effort to block its sending of Super-Soddy bombs (ATB), a detergent manufactured by The New Inc, a division of Highly Big Enterprises. However, however, according for the law are stated emphatically, "That's the most ridiculous thing I ever heard. Our Bombs don't even facilitate people out."

CLASSIFIEDS

Stop relying! Our system can handle software and send your data files over the wire! Clarke inquiry #42.

Satisfied?

To all: Feel free to surrender now, for any resistance will only be futile.

Dear England: Paris is very nice this time of year to visit. We of the Fly-by Night Travel Agency have great package deals for all large group travel needs.

BOOKS AND MOVIES

The National Board of Review Excellence goes this season to David and Patricia for his article titled "The Vienna."

This season's recipients of The New Super-Soddy Bomb are Imperial Representative Fisher for his admirable spilling and Lord David for his honesty.

BOOTS SPEAKS:

Count von Patrick (alias Peerless Software, the Texas Lippschann, etc) recently visited these sultry shores, and left a message for Bor # and De Nar to hack themselves on. It may work. Damn clever these Diplomats. Since the thing isn't due to go back until mid-Oct (if ever?), we're going to try a little experiment. If I can figure out how to do it by then, players and alternates may order in their adzes and/or paxes, and, as the ad says, save on the retyping. Just give us a voice call the night before the deadline, and we'll set it up. For that matter, we could even announce the results the following weekend.

Thought for the Persians: Diplomats are useful only in fair weather. As soon as it rains they drop in every drop. --Charles de Gaulle

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Bau S A Sev, A Ser-Bul, A Ser S A Hun, A Uie-Bel, F Aeg-Bul, S 2(0), F Alb-Tun, F Gre S F Aug-Bul(s);
 ENGLAND: A Don-Bel, A Hol S A Den-Bel, F Eng S A Don-Bel, F Bel S F Kie-Den, F Kie-Den, F Nth S A Den-Bel, F Swe H;
 FRANCE: A Bel-Baz(0-???), A Mar-Bas, A Pic-6rd, F Tyn 4(0-???), F Tus-Len, F Tyn S F Ion;
 GERMANY: A Ser-Kie, A Mun-Bul, F Bel H;
 ITALY: A Nap S F Ion-Tun, A Rom H, F Ion-Tun, F Mar-Tyn;
 RUSSIA: A Gal-Cie, A Mos-War, F Bia S TUR A Con-Bul, F StP-Swe;
 TURKEY: A Con-Bul, F Eas S F Smy-Aeg, F Smy-Aeg.

Orders in italics fail. Austrian F AES destroyed due to lack of retreat. French F Tun must either disband or retreat to MES. French A Bel must disband or retreat to either PIC or RUH. Players may make provisional builds based on whether and where the units will retreat.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Bul, Hun, +Sev	(6) Build 1 *
ENG:	Eul, Lon, Lpl, Hol, Nwy, Den, Swe, +Bel	(8) Build 1
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, -Bel, For, Spa	(5) Tear 1 **
GER:	Ber, Kie, Mun	(3) no change
ITA:	Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun	(4) no change
RUS:	Mos, -Sev, StP, War	(3) Tear 1
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy	(3) no change

* Austria would normally be able to build two units, but presently has only one home center open. He must play (at least) one unit short.

** If either FRE A BEL or FRE F TUN disbanded rather than retreat, then France may neither build or tear another unit. If both disbanded, France may *build* another unit.

 DEADLINE for Winter '03/04 orders is 8 Aug 88.



BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"
--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

14 July 88

WILKIN 1988/84

FRANCE SCUTTLES SOUTHERN FLEET
RIMAS MORSHU -- Crippling financial and logistical problems, Isaac Pavel has ordered the Southern Fleet scuttled and its men to report to Murhansk via caravan from Balua to Ael-akhan, and then by railway north. Meanwhile the French 1st fleet was forced into rocks by Gieren, in the storm tossed TYN (too long at sea, I'd wager). The English have challenged their 6th fleet, and Austria has mobilized another army of reservists. Expect the British to put the bull on France come Spring and Italy to renew her crusade against Islam. Austria will strive to expel the invading Russian troops.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--In a speech today the Kaiser denied that German troops have invaded France but instead a small number of very small units accidentally crossed the frontier and were escorted back to German territories by French authorities. "Germany has no intention of invading anybody, and militarily we should soon be out."

GENEVA--An unidentified ambassador today made public a secret meeting that took place here between Italian and Turkish officials. He condemned the meetings, stating that a treaty between the two countries could alter the Balkan situation "for the worst."

PARIS--The French government labelled "silly" the explanation for the Austrian army camped in SEV. The French ambassador in St Petersburg was told that the Tsar did not want the Austrian army staying because "they were telling us use the beaches."

VICENNA--The Ministry of Justice formally disbanded all members of the law firm of Neelan, Beaton & Chislen after they were scuttled in a mine laid by the British Bureau of Investigation for law firms. The law firm later in prominence recently when they were solicited by the Mc Ner Corporation to handle their suit against the Austrian Ministry for Environmental Affairs after their mine proposal. Since-Brody Boudie (TM) was banned for excessive mine control. In a midnight raid, a warehouse full of the popular card game *Naval War* was impounded. *Naval War*, Gustav's most popular card game, has been in short supply for months. What few copies can be found are almost priceless.

TURKISH--Information from a reliable source today raised some new light on the reported English invasion of Laos. One of the captured left-behind reported that he was a cold admirer of a French effort to artificially drive up the price of raw rubber by destroying a few trees and leave false information that the English were invading French Indo-China.

The expert French force repelled the attack and stopped the carrier from achieving their objective. A full investigation is under way within the French government concerning a procurement of rubber for the Army to see if there is a connection.



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P.S. Phone # change for England: 804-865-0235

ARREST FURBER--The French government today was shaken by the arrest last night of three members of the French Department of War. They were indicted today for conspiracy to defraud the government.

The charges stem from their alleged plot to drive up the price of rubber by staging a fictitious invasion of French Indo-China. The three were found to have invested in large stocks of rubber stored in Harveilles which were offered for sale to the government through a fourth party when news of the "invasion" was announced.

Conviction on the charges will bring 22 years in French Guiana at hard labor.

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BIDS AND BUDDS

The Nadane Bridge Award for Press Excellence goes this season jointly to the editors of the *Beverly Hills Post* and *Los Angeles Times* articles.

This season's He Man Super-Buddy bowl is inflicted upon Turkey for spiriting off a crucial game point.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Alternate Alert: With Turkey's NFR loses the opportunity for an alternate to assume his portfolio next season if he again neglects to submit orders. All alternates are invited to submit orders for Turkey for Fall '64.

Thought for the Season: He who attacks first vanquishes; he who defends need merely survive. --Aron

Phone number changes: England (0044)-645-00338; Italy (0044)-644-6667.

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24 Oct 88

Fall 1904

COUP IN TURKEY! RIOTS IN ITALY!

MURKWOOD--The East is beginning to crumble under Austria's pressure. There is a new government in Turkey, and there may soon be another one in Italy. Meanwhile a Franco-Russo-German entente is emerging and beginning to slow down the English juggernaut, but is it too little, too late? The Russians are the weak link here.

EMBASSY BEAT

ISTAMBUL--In a nearly bloodless coup, General Mark Doyle Ali Ben-Arond has taken control of the Turkish government. His first official acts were to declare martial law and to order all fleets to dock at the nearest port. He also called for calm during the upcoming crisis.

METZ--Advance elements of the France 3rd Army have captured Herr Oberst Braun and Ms Pontiff of the Munich Travel Agency, Ruhr River Branch. The two are guilty of organizing unauthorized and sarcastic tours of Paris and the French Riviera. Reported to be in Koblenz, 3rd Army General Achille-Claude Debussy immediately recognized that Koblenz is not even on the Ruhr. Scout parties located the office in Essen and captured the two criminals. The officer who led the raid, Lieutenant Midi D'un Faune, said they were captured "easier than a couple of sleeping animals." They are now enroute to Paris where Braun is likely to be emasculated and shot, while Pontiff will be impaled. The Ministry of Tourism stated: "Let this be a lesson to all fly-by-night travel agencies. You will be located and punished."

PARIS--Competencee, a new French company, has been formed. Its main source of income will be to provide contract personnel to fill foreign political and military posts. Corporate president Geet D'Jowbdun said in a press conference that his company will concentrate its advertising in Turkey and Russia.

STARDATE 2347.6--The Starship *Enterprise* with a skeleton crew due to scheduled leaves on planet Antares III is headed to Starbase 14 due to an emergency message received by the Federation command at the starbase.

Upon explanation of the received communique, the crew has been sent by Starfleet command to determine the cause of the distress message and to take whatever action is deemed necessary to remedy the situation.

Mr Spark, the science officer (and general nice guy), by using his photon sensors has determined that the distress message, due to the profound red shift, has determined that the message emanated from the planet Earth around October 16, 1904 AD, about the area of the Ottoman Empire.

By Mr Spark's calculations: By attaining an orbit about Sol in an eccentric apogeeic orbit with an eccentricity of 2.341 and by attaining the critical warp speed of 12.2 upon the point of closest proximity to Sol, we would initiate the time travel scenario and would



indeed put us into the correct time frame.

After beaming down to the Earth in timely garb, and seeing the present military and diplomatic maneuvers being exacted on the Turkish people by their military and political adversaries, we decided to beam the entire Turkish population to a basically uninhabited area of that time called southern California.

Upon the successful completion of our mission, we reenacted the reverse time travel conditions and returned to our own time frame.

VIENNA--The Ministry for Foreign Affairs declared it will no longer honor combined seasons. "We've adjusted our calendar once to fit the whim of Pope Gregory; we shan't be pushed further to meet the simplistic demands of some self-appointed adjudicist." A crowd estimated at nearly ten thousand marched outside the Summer palace earlier this week. Chanting "Down with the PAULists! End MEGlomania!" the outbursts reflected rumors that the Paulists were behind the decision. There has been almost universal demand from all sectors of the Empire for a restoration of the unique Summer and Fall seasons. Fallout from an earlier decision that Summer and Fall would be combined into a single season (of approximately half the length which both seasons would have lasted if independently) has been widespread. Especially hard hit was the military, which found troop withdrawals in total disarray as the uniform-of-the-season could not be specified. The protest in the capital was sparked by rumors that a possible Winter/Spring combination was being considered.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

LAJES LIGHT HEART--Reports have reached this remote island of notorious underworld gangs in Ireland organizing the illegal Irish whiskey stills into a massive distribution system. These "gansters" produce and transport illegal whiskey to hidden backroom pubs to avoid the British Whiskey Tax. Many law enforcement officers have been reportedly accepting payoffs to avoid arresting these felons. The British government has censored all comments but seems unable to place enough forces in Ireland to quell the gansters with the current war problems. This tax rebellion could mean the wrenching of Britains attention from the continent to its own shores.

CLASSIFIEDS

Mayor Bradley to City Council: How in perdition did all these Turks get here? Why do they own/operate all the 7-11s in the LA area? Are they citizens? Why won't they vote for me?

Ms Nar to Count von Patrick: Rules is rules. Try to get a 2/3rds vote to override!

WANTED: Entrepreneurs in liquor distribution business. High pay with irregular hours. Some knowledge of weapons a plus. Inquire Dutch O'Malley's Wholesale Emporium, Dublin.

Due to recent losses, applications for positions as His Majesty's Navigators are now open. Inquire at Whitehall, London.

BOOS AND KUDDS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Emperor William for his article datelined Metz.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Lord Devoni for ignoring deadlines. Communication is necessary in *this* game!

BORIS SPEAKS!

Since there are only two builds and a tear required this time, Winter has been cancelled. Please submit your next orders for Spring 1905; players may make provisional orders based on the various choices of build and tears possible.

Phone Number Correction: France's number is (601)-896-3297.

Six of you were technically NMR. I had to chase four of you for orders. Two responded readily. One NMR'd out, the other couldn't be reached for 36 hrs, therefore...

Alternate Alert: Alternates are requested to submit orders for Italy. Should Signore Klausutis fail to respond again, one set of orders from all the alternate sets will be chosen at random; the submitter shall assume the Italian portfolio.

Thought for the Season: Who dares wins. --SAS motto

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Arm S A Rum-Sev, A Gal-Rum, A Rum-Sev, A Ser-Bul, A Vie-Gal, F Gre S A Ser-Bul, *F Ion-Eas*;
ENGLAND: *A Bel-Pic, A Nwy-StP, F Den S F Swe(nsu), F Eng-Mid, F Fin S A Nwy-StP, F Hel-Hol, F Nth-Bel, F Swe S F Den(imp), F Wal-Iri*;
FRANCE: *A Bre-Pic, A Bur-Ruh, A Gas-Bur, F Spa(sc) S F Wes-Mid, F Wes-Mid*;
GERMANY: A Ber-Mun, *A Kie-Hol, F Bal-Den*;
ITALY: **NMR** A NAf H, A Tus H, F Tun H, F Tyn H;
RUSSIA: *A Mos-StP, A Ukr-Sev, F Bot S A Mos-StP*;
TURKEY: A Con-Ank, *F Aeg-Smy, F Eas-Smy*.

Orders in italics fail; (nsu) = no such unit; (imp) impossible order.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Bul, Rum, Sev	(8) = Build 1
ENG:	Edi, Lon, Lpl, Hol, Nwy, -Den, Swe, Bel	(7) = Tear 1
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa	(5) = no change
GER:	Ber, Kie, Mun, +Den	(4) = Build 1
ITA:	Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun	(4) = no change
RUS:	Mos, StP, War	(3) = no change
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy	(3) = no change

DEADLINE for Spring 1905 orders is 14 Nov 88.

ACTIVE PLAYERS

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24 Nov 1988

Spring 1905

MORE RIOTS IN TURKEY!

MINAS MORGUL--What is becoming an annual rite of spring, the Turkish people are again up in arms (or is it just partying-hearty?). The reasons differ from region to region, food fights in ANK, the annual bath and orgy in SMY, and anti-American demonstrations in CON over some rumor that Americans eat Turks for dinner once a year. Meanwhile King Wayne has retaken DEN; Germany may have mistimed his stab, although the move to TRL augurs badly for the Count and Lord Devoni. Devoni's forces are beginning a blitz of France, anticipating British assistance. It remains to be seen whether the attack will have to be pulled back to defend against the Kaiser's rogue army. Austria seems about to lower the boom on Russia and perhaps the partying animals as well. The next few seasons could well be critical.

EMBASSY BEAT

AUSTIN--The Texas Leprechaun Bulletin Board System is pleased to announce after four and a half years as a T-Net system, it has switched software to Proline. The Leprechaun, node name "Pro-Lep," is now accessible through the national networks (UUCP, ARPA, etc.). Mail to can now be sent to Don Patrick with this E-Mail address: "dlp@pro-lep.cts.com"

MARSEILLES--The French Ministry of Friendly Relations announced the completion of a non-aggression pact with Italy. This was accomplished despite a nasty scene on the first day of the conference.

Reportedly, the Austria-Hungarian Consul bluffed his way into the meeting, grabbed bottles of wine from a nearby wine trolley, and began hurling them at the Italian delegation while screaming, "Big noses! Big noses!" before French security manhandled him from the room. He was immediately turned over to The Ministry of Silly Disturbances for questioning.

Later, a Silly spokesman displayed a personal letter to the Austrian Consul from Count von Patrick himself ordering the Consul to break up the conference in a silly manner. The Count said he did not want to provoke Italy into war but simply "shake them up a little" to remind them there is "no length" Austria will not go to ensure Italy "remains a puppet, papist pseudo-power unknowingly serving Austria." The Minister of Analysis said that Austria is concerned that an attack on her western front would hinder her plan of world dominance.

Despite the political turmoil in Italy, a Friendly spokesman expressed hope that Italy will abide by the pact even if a new government comes to power.

OCCUPIED SEVASTOPOL--A bitter attack by Russian forces against liberated Sevastopol was thwarted by a massive circumlocution of Austrian forces. Now solidified into a solid front, Imperial forces are moving north to firmly establish a buffer zone between Austria, Turkey, and Russia. "Much has been said about Russian needs for a warm water port, but no more than lip service has ever been given to the need for Austrian and Turkish access to the ski slopes of the



Urals," said Count Loveboat, owner of a chain of travel agencies throughout Hungary.

VIENNA--Officials here announced the opening of the Armenian Airlift, a daring overland and overwater baloon convoy of emergency food, medical, and arms supplies to the peoples of Armenia. "We never expected this war against godless Turkism to expose such suffering! Oh, the humanity!" said Baron Pendrovsky, commander of the Austrian expeditionary force.

CLASSIFIEDS

Tennille to Kaiser Bill: Never make your move too soon!

"Thy mistress is...French!"

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to France for his article datelined Marseilles.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Turkey for his NMR. How about giving us your phone number next time?

BORIS SPEAKS!

This issue of *Boris* is coming to you later than usual for two reasons. First, I was assured by Germany on Saturday night (19th) that both his orders and copious press were in the mail on time. Second, I had no orders from Turkey, nor any good way to reach him without a phone number. I had hoped their missives were delayed by an early onrush of holiday mail and would arrive early this week. Alas, they didn't. This delay caused the deadline to be pushed back until 19 Dec, and since Ms Nar and I don't know yet whether we'll be here or there over the holidays, don't expect the next issue to be until after the New Year (but rejoice if it's before). If you don't have your orders to me when I return (given that we leave), you will be NMR, no ifs, ands, or buts. 'Nuff said.

ALTERNATE ALERT: Turkey has again NMR'd giving y'all a shot at getting into the game. If Ali Mark again fails to submit orders, C.J. Gleason, as the original Turkey, has first dibs if he wants the position. Otherwise, it's the usual random draw of alternates. If perchance no alternate applies, the Turkey will be Civil Disorder come Fall and the F AEG will have been destroyed rather than retreated.

Those of you wishing to send your press and orders via modem may do so by leaving E-mail on Bruce's BBS, (904)-862-9558. I am user #118. Be aware that it takes at least two calls several days apart to get validated to use the E-mail services there. Suggest you leave feedback to the SYSOP on your first call requesting E-mail clearance for DIPLOMACY correspondence.

Thought for the Season: A diplomat's life is made up of three ingredients: Protocol, Geritol, and alcohol. --Adlai E. Stevenson

TROOP MOVEMENTS

England tears F FIN; Austria builds F TRI, and Germany builds A BER.

AUSTRIA: *A Arm-Ank*, A Bul H, A Gal S A Rum-Ukr, A Rum-Ukr, *A Sev S*
A Rum-Ukr, F Gre S F Ion-Aeg, F Ion-Aeg, F Tri-Alb;

ENGLAND: A Bel-Pic, A Nwy-Swe, F Eng S A Bel-Pic, F Hel S F Swe-Den,
F Iri-Mid, F Nth S F Swe-Den, F Swe-Den;

FRANCE: *A Bre-Pic*, A Bur S A Ruh-Bel, A Ruh-Bel, F Mid H, F Spa(sc)
S F Mid;

GERMANY: A Ber-Mun, A Kie-Hol, A Mun-TyL, *F Den-Swe(r-???)*;

ITALY: A Naf H, A Tus-Pie, F Tyn-Lyo, F Tun-Wes;

RUSSIA: *A Mos-Sev*, *A Ukr S A Mos-Sev(r-???)*, F Bot-StP;

TURKEY: **NMR** A Ank H(u), *F Aeg H(u)(r-???)*, F Eas H(u).

Orders in italics fail; u = unordered. German F DEN must either retreat to BAL, KIE, or SKA, or disband; Russian A UKR must either retreat to WAR or disband; Turkish F AEG must either retreat to CON or SMY or disband.

DEADLINE for Fall 1905 orders is 19 Dec 88.



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28 Dec 88

Fall 1905

COUP IN TURKEY! KAISER SACKS VIENNA!

CLIFFHOME--An obscure Colonel has assassinated Turkish military strongman General Mark Doyle Ali Ben-Arond and has siezed control of the staggering Ottoman Empire, but the intervention was not soon enough to prevent the Austrians from capturing CON. Count von Patrick is in a quandary here, as the Austrian military was under secret orders to strip the ancient city of all its priceless works of art and ship them to Vienna. Unfortunately, the German Kaiser is in VIE personally supervising the looting of its priceless works of art. Both Russia and Turkey are on the ropes and can only pray that Germany and perhaps Italy can distract the Austrian juggernaut long enough so that they can consolidate their defenses. Meanwhile not much is happening in the West, although Italy is threatening to break through the Gibraltar stalemate line and penetrate into the Atlantic.

EMBASSY BEAT

KIEL--"NAVAGITOR RECALLED": Three zepplins have been dispatched to recall Vice Admiral Von Stupp to explain the recent actions of the High Seas Fleet. Reliable sorces say the Fleet was dispatched to SWE to engage the British Fleet there. However the British fleet from SWE arrived in DEN, routeing the few defenders left on land and last reports from the High Seas Fleet indicate its ships are sepperated and mostly lost in SKA. Von Stupp is the grandson of the legendary cabaret entertainer Lilly who left for the American West in the late 1800's and found fame in Mel Brooks' movies.

VIENNA--The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has demanded the immediate withdrawal of German troops from TRL and a full explanation of this unprecedented and unprovoked action. "As a fellow Germanic people, we cannot understand this incredible act of war!" decried the press spokesman. Military alerts were declared in VIE, TRI, and BOH.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

NEW YORK TIMES--(Ankara) "Ottoman Government Moved": After his accession to power, the new Ottoman dictator, Col. Muhamar Rezzarday, moved quickly to evacuate his government from the city of Constantino-ple to that of Ankara, fleeing the rapidly advancing Austrian forces. In his first proclamation, the Colonel declared a *jihad* (a Holy War) and promised that anyone who killed five or more Austrains would be assured of his place in Paradise.

CLASSIFIEDS

Sir Bohort: Report to the Eastern province and prepare to unleash your secret weapon...winds permitting, of course.

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to he who submitted the Sir Bohort classified.



This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is the USPS for again losing critical diplomatic correspondence.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: A kind heart is a little value in chess.
--La Rochefoucauld
Or in DIPLOMACY.
--Boris

Ms Nar would like to extend her thanks to Imperial Representative Fisher for the charming Christmas ornament he sent.

We again have a change of players. Our new Turkey is:
"Col." Tony Rezzarday, 2714 Ridgeway St, Tallahassee, Fl 32304;
(904)-576-0251.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

German F DEN retreated to SKA; Russian A UKR retreated to WAR; Turkish F AEG retreated to CON.

AUSTRIA: *A Arm-Ank, A Bul S F Aeq-Con, A Gal S A Ukr-War, A Sev-Mos, A Ukr-War, F Aeq-Con, F Alb H, F Gre-Aeq;*
ENGLAND: *A Pic-Bre, A Swe-Nwy, F Den-Kie, F Eng S A Pic-Bre, F Hel-Hol, F Iri-Mid, F Nth S F Hel-Hol;*
FRANCE: *A Bel S A Bre-Pic, A Bre-Pic, A Bur-Par, F Mid-Wes, F Spa(sc) S F Mid-Wes(r-???);*
GERMANY: *A Hol H(r-???), A Mun-Boh, A Trl-Vie, F Ska-Nwy;*
ITALY: *A Naf H, A Pie-Ven, F Lyo S F Wes-Spa(sc), F Wes-Spa(sc);*
RUSSIA: *A Mos-Sev, A War-Ukr(r-???), F StP H;*
TURKEY: *A Ank S Con, F Con S F Eas-Smy(r-???), F Eas-Smy.*

Orders in italics fail. French F SPA(sc) must either retreat to MAR or POR or disband; German A HOL must either retreat to RUH or disband; Russian A WAR must either retreat to LVN, PRU, or SIL or disband; Turkish F CON must either retreat to BLA or disband.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, Tri, -Vie, Gre, Ser, Bul, Rum, Sev, +Con, +War	(9) Build 1
ENG:	Edi, Lon, Lpl, Hol, Nwy, Swe, -Bel, +Kie	(7) Even
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Por, -Spa, +Bel	(5) Even *
GER:	Ber, -Kie, Mun, Den, +Vie	(4) Even *
ITA:	Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, +Spa	(5) Build 1
RUS:	Mos, StP, -War	(2) Tear 1 *
TUR:	Ank, -Con, Smy	(2) Tear 1 *

* If France disbands F SPA(sc) rather than retreat it, he may build one unit; similarly with German A HOL. If Russia disbands A WAR rather than retreating it, he may not tear another unit; similarly with Turkish F CON. Players may make build orders conditional on these (non)retreats.

DEADLINE for Spring 1906 orders is 23 Jan 89.



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30 Jan 89

Spring 1906

MORE ITALIAN RIOTS

MURKWOOD--An ill-advised wartime tax on vino has the Italian populace up in arms and calling for Lord Devoni's reproductive organs. The armed forces have refused to fight without their daily ration of wine. Meanwhile Col Rezzarday's forces are doomed to fall to a coordinated Austrian thrust on SMY, crushing the last resistance of the once mighty Ottoman Empire. Austria looks to have the forces to deflect the Kaiser's too-little, too-late attempt. Russia should last into 1907. While the Western Powers are still mixing it up, the East is indeed Red and Austria could well win in 1909. This must be prevented at all costs.

EMBASSY BEAT

BUDAPEST--The Foreign Ministry announced that a formal state of war exists between the Empire of Austria-Hungary and the Germany of the Kaiser. Streams of refugees heading for Budapest were quickly enlisted into the newly-formed 8th Austrian Corps. As part of the War Times Economic Sanctions Act, it is no longer legal to buy, own, or sell anything made by German companies. Many refugees found themselves on foot as inflamed mobs set fire to their Peoples Carriages (TM), a heretofore popular German-made but inexpensive, beetle-shaped, two-horse carriage. Bakers were seen throwing freshly-made German chocolate cakes into the streets while the people cheered. Brew-meisters threatened to go on strike, but cooler heads prevailed and, to the new war tune of "Drink, Drink, Drink Tyrolian" the people now toast to the total defeat of Germany. Side by side with acts of panic were acts of great heroism. Just prior to the German invasion, elite palace guards successfully removed the reels of cables which enable his imperial majesty to maintain constant communication with his field generals from the comfort of his personal carriage.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: The Gold Key or information leading to its acquisition. Contact Arad Gibil at the Sorpigal Inn.

Civilization freaks will be glad to know that the Expansion Trade Cards are again available from AH for the princely sum of \$4 plus 10% postage and handling. Well worth it.

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Count von Patrick for his article dateline Budapest.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Lord Devoni for his second NMR--and with a build coming yet!

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: Veni, vidi, erravi. --Lord Devoni

ALTERNATE ALERT: This may be your last chance to assume a portfolio



and assure yourself a seed into BORIS III. Alternates are asked to provide orders for Italy in case Lord Devoni again NMRs.

Those of you with access to the national networks can access either BORIS or Count von Patrick using the following E-mail addresses:

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Gamemaster: bolduc%ul1.decnnet@uv4.eglin.af.mil

TROOP MOVEMENTS

France retreats F Spa-Mar; Russia retreats A War-Ukr; Turkey disbands F CON.

Austria builds A BUD; Italy NMRs and doesn't build; Russia disbands A UKR.

AUSTRIA: A Arm S F Con-Ank, A Bud S A Gal-Vie, A Bul-Con, A Gal-Vie, A Sev-Mos, A War S A Sev-Mos, F Aeq S A Bul-Con, *F Alb-Tri*, F Con-Ank;

ENGLAND: *A Pic S F Mid-Bre(r-???)*, *A Swe-Nwy*, F Eng S F Mid-Bre, F Hol-Bel, F Kie-Hol, F Mid-Bre, F Nth S F Hol-Bel;

FRANCE: A Bel-Pic, A Bre-Gas, A Par S A Bel-Pic, *F Mar-Lyo*, F Wes-Tyn;

GERMANY: *A Boh-Vie*, A Ruh-Kie, *A Vie-Tri(r-???)*, *F Ska-Nwy*;

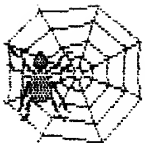
ITALY: **NMR** A Naf H(u), A Ven H(u), F Lyo H(u), F Spa(sc) H(u);

RUSSIA: *A Mos-Sev(r-???)*, F StP H;

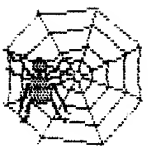
TURKEY: *A Ank S F Smy(d)*, F Smy H.

Orders in italics fail; (u) = unit unordered; (r-???) = unit has option to either disband or retreat. English A PIC must either retreat to BUR or disband; German A VIE must either retreat to TRL or disband; Russian A MOS must either disband or retreat to UKR or LVN. Players may make conditional orders based on these retreats.

DEADLINE for Fall 1907 orders is 21 Feb 89.



BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"

--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

27 Feb 89

Fall 1906

TURKEY ELIMINATED!

MINAS MORGUL--The East is Red. The last token Turkish resistance has been crushed, and the Russians are desperately trying to defend their capital. Lord Devoni's government has smashed the Fascist-inspired postal strike and can now communicate with its troops. England and France appear to have reconciled their differences, and this cannot be good news for Italy and Germany. The question of the moment is this: Has Austria yet attained a critical mass of forces and become unstoppable? This would be a cruel blow to the Chief Bug's Master Plan. It must be prevented at all costs.

EMBASSY BEAT

AEGEAN--(wireless from the Austrian warship *HES Sean*)--A twenty-one cannon salute to victory heralded the total success of the Austrian war effort as Austrian armies crushed the final Turkish forces in SMY. In a two-pronged attack from CON and ARM, Austrian forces routed the final defending Turkish fleet to put an end to the Ottoman Empire.

BUDAPEST--Emperor Franz-Joseph is dead. The Emperor died in his sleep at Laxenburg Castle where he was born in 1830. The Emperor, who was 76, refused to leave despite the German invasion. His example inspired Austrian forces in their counter attack from GAL. The Emperor's death may mean the end of 624 years of Habsburg rule. Archduke Franz Ferdinand is missing and presumed killed in the battle for IRL. The Archduke was the nephew of the Emperor, and designated heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary. The Emperor's grandnephew, Karl, next-in-line, had been in Trieste, but fled to Hungary in advance of the German retreat. Karl's whereabouts are unknown. He has no issue.

LONDON--This morning the Foreign Office announced that England had come to terms with France and was withdrawing First Army and the Invasion Fleet. A spokesman for the Foreign Office made the following comments: "We now have freedom of the high seas and in our coastal waters. France has agreed to our unrestricted use of this lifeline and in return we will buy more French goods, keep our army off French soil and cooperate in preserving Peace in Europe."

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

FASCES (Dovia, Italia)--We have instituted this underground newspaper to comment upon the terrible incompetents in Rome, especially Lord Devoni, and his pansy generals. He seems dedicated to destroying Italy and its proud and warlike heritage. Not only that, but we believe him to be a Austrian sympathizer. A high placed official recently informed us of a conversation with him which Devoni, amid much whining over their eminent destruction of Italy, began praising Austria, saying, "Gee, if I could only be like Count von Patrick. All that acreage over which to go for long walks. Now that's an empire!"

Our position calls for a new, powerful government to be installed that will stand up to the dastardly Austrian before it is too late.



Austria-Hungary should be relegated to the Roman province it once was. In a normal country we would expect to be shut down within hours, but a strong police state is not one of Devoni's priorities; he would rather visit and learn the "culture" of Iberians and North Africans. It makes us sick. We call for the new government to institute such a state and shut us down immediately.

CLASSIFIEDS

Note to Austria: Watch your back!
Note to England: It's a small world after all.
Note to Germany: Don't worry, be happy.
Note to Italy: "WAKE UP the sky is falling!"
Question for Russia: When are the snows coming?
Note to Turkey: Full Metal Jacket (a must for retreats)

EXPERIENCED JOURNALISTS WANTED: Be all you can be. The Austrian Ministry of Information is looking for a few good men. If you think you qualify, apply now. The world's press organizations are waiting for your releases. The few, the proud, the Austrian Press Corps.

"Conservative, n: A statesman who is enamored of existing evils, as distinguished from the Liberal, who wishes to replace them with others."
--Ambrose Bierce, *The Devil's Dictionary*

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the author of the *Fasces* article.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Russia. Silence does not become you.

BORIS SPEAKS!

The address for Lord Devoni that appeared in the last player roster is incorrect. The Box number should be 3348, not 4398. An updated roster is attached.

Boris notes the passing of Barbara Tuchman whose two books, *The Guns of August*, and *The Proud Tower* should be required reading for all serious DIPLOMACY players.

Thought for the Season: It ain't over until it's over.
--Lawrence "Yogi" Berra

TROOP MOVEMENTS

English A PIC retreated to BUR; German A VIE retreated to TRL; Russian A MOS went unordered so was disbanded by the GM.

AUSTRIA: A Arm-Smy, A Bud-Tri, A Con S A Arm-Smy, A Mos S A War, A Vie H, A War S A Mos, F Aeq-Ion, F Alb S A Bud-Tri, F Ank H;
ENGLAND: A Bur-Bel, A Swe S F Nth-Nwy, F Bel-Nth, F Bre-Mid, F Eng S A Bur-Bel, F Hol S A Bur-Bel, F Nth-Nwy;
FRANCE: A Gas-Spa, A Par-Bur, A Pic-Bre, F Mar S A Gas-Spa, F Tyn-Nap;
GERMANY: A Boh-Gal, A Ruh-Kie, A Tri-Tri, F Ska-Nwy;

ITALY: A Naf H, A Ven H, F Lyo H, F Spa(sc) H(r-???)
 RUSSIA: NMR F StP(sc) H(u);
 TURKEY: NMR F Smy H(u) (r-???)

Orders in italics fail. Italian F SPA(sc) must either disband or retreat to POR or WES. Turkish F SMY may either disband or retreat to EAS or SYR, but if retreating must disband in the Winter due to lack of supply.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, Tri, Gre, Ser, Bul, Rum, Sev, Con, War, +Ank, +Mos, +Smv, +Vie	(13) Build 1 *
ENG:	Edi, Lon, Lpl, Hol, Nwy, Swe, -Kie, +Bel	(7) No change
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, (-)Por, -Bel, +Nap, +Spa	(6) Build 1 **
GER:	Ber, Mun, Den, -Vie, +Kie	(4) No change
ITA:	-Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, -Spa, (+Por)	(3) Tear 1 **
RUS:	-Mos, StP	(1) No change
TUR:	-Ank, -Smy	(0) Tear 1 OUT

* Has only one home center open to build in--must play three units short.

** If Italian F SPA(sc) retreats to POR, treat both Italy and France as "No change".

 DEADLINE for Spring 1907 orders is 20 Mar 89.

ACTIVE PLAYERS

AUS:	Count Donald von Patrick 9100 Circle Dr Austin, Tx 78736 (512)-288-3256	ENG:	SMSGT (King) Wayne Morrison 2076B Marauder Dr. Langley AFB, Va 23665 (804)-865-0235
FRA:	Emperor William Wilson 2207 Gregory Blvd Gulfport, Ms 39507 (913)-722-2528	GER:	Imp Rep Ronald Fisher 400 Craigmont Rd Black Mountain, NC 28711 (704)-669-9675
ITA:	Ministero T.J. Klausutis McCollum Hall Box 3346 FSU, Fl 32548 (904)-644-6667	RUS:	Tsar Paul Saunders Southern Sta / Box 6535 Hattiesburg, Ms 39406-6535 (601)-266-2688
GM:	Paul R. Bolduc 203 Devon Ct Wright, Fl 32548-3110 (904)-863-9081		



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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

26 Mar 89

Spring 1907

EUROPE UNITING TO OPPOSE AUSTRIA

CLIFFHOME--The West has evidently come to its collective senses and called off (maybe "postponed" would be a better term) its internecine struggles. Russia seems not to have been cut into the deal and should fall prey to the English vulture in the Fall. The Kaiser's rogue army is still carrying on a scorched earth policy that is unlikely to endear it to the next province it occupies. Italy seems to smell blood and is joining in also, probably due to French extortion. The next year or two will be critical. If the alliance can hold up, Austria might well be foiled, but if anyone succumbs to ungentlemanly greed, the whole thing could unravel.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--"England Sees the Light": The Kaiser today promoted Admiral von Stupp to his personal staff after his secret negotiations with the English (while the High Seas Fleet was supposedly lost in SKA) have brought England into the fray to prevent Austrian domination of the continent. "The foolish conflict between Germany and England is ended and we will both strive to prevent a new Austrian fueled Dark Age from overtaking the remaining free countries of Europe." As a result the High Seas Fleet has been ordered to BAL enroute to STF.

BUDAPEST--Fierce fighting continues along the empire's borders as Austrian troops return from their Turkish and Russian campaigns to join the home guards in repulsing the German invasion. Speaking at the commissioning ceremony for officers of the newly formed Austrian 7th Army, the foreign minister and acting head of government, Count von Patrick, noted that although much has been done to pacify the East, some of the greatest challenges lie ahead. "Western Europe is in turmoil, and armies of the traitorous German still pose a threat. But now they have to face the full force of Austrian resolve."

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: Press!! I need Press! -- Boris

The Austro-Hungarian Government
requests the pleasure of your company
at the investiture of
Count Donald Louis von Patrick
as
Duke
on Wednesday evening, the twenty-ninth of March
at eight o'clock p.m.
at the
Votive Church, Vienna

Attendance at the royal ball immediately after
at nine o'clock p.m.
Schoenbrunn Palace, Vienna
B.V.O.B



Col Rezzarday to Count von Patrick: Retreat? Death before dishonor!

Or rather, death before dishonor then death. ---Boris

WANTED: Information leading to acquisition of the Gold Key. Contact
Arad Gibil c/o the Sorpical Inn.

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes jointly this season
to the authors of the Cliffhorne article and investiture invitation.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Tsar Pavel for
NMRing out of the game.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Roster Corrections: Note that the address given in last issue's
roster for Lord Devoni's PO Box is correct, not the one given in this
section. Emperor Wilson's phone number should be (601) 896-3297.
Please annotate last month's roster accordingly.

COASTCON '89 will be held 7-9 Apr at the Biloxi, MS Civic Auditorium.
Boris, Ms Nar, and the Tsar and Tsarina will attend (and, no doubt,
will Emperor Wilson). Ms Nar expects to successfully defend her
unofficial Mississippi State *Naval War* Championship, while Boris
will defend *Rail Baron* and the Tsar *Shogun*. The highlight of the
event is the costume party and dance Saturday night, unless you're
looking for copies of obscure wargames--in which case you'll find
them, but be prepared to pay a price!

Thought for the Season: I have discovered the art of fooling
diplomats: I speak the truth and they never believe me.

---Conte Camillo de Cavour

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Italian F SPA(SC) retreated to POR; Turkish F SMY disbanded rather
than retreat. Austria builds A BUD.

AUSTRIA: A Bud S A War-Gal, A Con-Bul, A Mos-Ukr, A Smy-Arm, *A Tri*
S A Vie-Tri, A Vie-Tri, A War-Gal, *F Aeg-Nap*(nsu), F
Alb-Adr, F Ank-Con, F Icn H(u);
ENGLAND: A Bel H, A Swe-Fin, F Eng-Mid, F Hol-Nth, F Mid-Wes, F
Nth-Nwv, F Nwv-Bar;
FRANCE: A Bre-Gas, *A Bar-Mar*, *A Spa-Por*, F Har-Pie, *F Nao-Ion*;
GERMANY: *A Gal-Mar*(r-???), A Kie-Hol, A Tri-Boh, F Ska-Den;
ITALY: A Naf-Tun, *A Ven-Tri*, *F Lyo-Mar*, F Por H(u);
RUSSIA: **NMR** F StP H(u).

Orders in italics fail; nsu = no such unit. German A GAL must either
disband or retreat to RUM, SIL, or VIE. Players may make Fall orders
conditional on the retreat.

DEADLINE for Fall 1908 orders is 17 Apr 89.



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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

22 Apr 89

Fall 1907

RUSSIA ELIMINATED! ITALY NEXT?

MURKWOOD--King Wayne's forces have finally finished off his cousin's final fleet and have entered the starving capital bearing tons of relief food to placate the populace. Duke von Patrick has annihilated the rogue German army in his rear, but again has had his capital sacked. Meanwhile the announced Western Triple Alliance (somewhat too little, too late) seems only to be interested in carving up what's left of Italy and extorting territorial concessions from its former senior partner, England.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--The Kaiser today announced a new united Europe campaign to counter the expanding Austrian Empire. "With England coming to the aid of France and Germany this Dark Empire shall not prevail."

BUCHAREST--Hundreds of people lined the roads with torches as the Kaiser's Southern Army marched into RUM after clashing with Austrian troops to the west. The temporary commandant indicated their ultimate destination was BLA.

BUDAPEST--The Austro-Hungarian Government announced that Donald, newly invested Duke of Lippizan and former Foreign Minister, has been officially elevated to the post of Prime Minister. The Duke had been performing the duties of Prime Minister, as well as of Foreign Minister, since the post was vacated after the death of Emperor Franz Joseph and the death or disappearance of the only two heirs to the Hapsburg throne. The Duke has appointed Count von Aehrenthal head of the Foreign Ministry, a position the Count held before under Emperor Franz Joseph, but had resigned shortly before the Emperor's death because of ill health. The appointment is seen as merely an honor for the ailing Count while the search for a qualified successor goes on.

LONDON--It was announced today that the government of Russia has capitulated in STP. A combined Army and Naval Force defeated the last Russian fleet and captured St Petersburg intact. The First Admiral's Office released the following statement: "The rogue fleet in STP had ceased to be an effective fighting force against the Austrian Empire and had started raiding NWY and snipping (sic) at our Navy. This was not the thing to do. We stopped them." The government is now looking at a way to set up a new government in Russia and bring the Russian people up from uneducated serfs to worthwhile citizens in the STP area.

LONDON--In a move to reduce the fear of a war with France, Germany, and Austria, the occupation forces in HOL and BEL were withdrawn in order to fight Cossacks and defuse and other intentions of a land grab. STP will be occupied by only naval forces in order to also reduce Austrian fear of an English northern invasion. However, England will continue a strong defensive posture, let no nation attempt to interfere with English freedom of the seas!



TRIESTE--Overzealous border guards, responding in knee-jerk fashion to an aborted Italian attack, left their posts and rushed headlong into Venice. The shocked Venetians, equally shocked for their part, offered no resistance. The unexpected skirmish violates an Austrian-Italian treaty that goes back to 1900.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

NEUE ZUERCHER ZEITUNG "Underground Vienna"--This reporter attended Count von Patrick's investiture this past Wednesday and can only say that it was a ball. Such a beautiful service at Votive Church, but by the closing procession this reporter was anxious to have some very lovely fun. The Count was smartly attired in a black and red tunic accentuated with gold, tight black pants officer's pants, and a shiny sword that hung gracefully at his (well formed) mid thigh. At the ball, after the Count's obligatory receiving of diunitaries and dances, the Count went to his large study adjoining the ballroom. I do not have to tell you that the fun had just started. All of us temporarily excused ourselves from our female companions to talk some "diplomacy." I can only say that the Count has not lost his skill, and look forward to the next ball. ---Max Fondolemeister

CLASSIFIEDS

Exterminator wanted: Send resume to DDOL, Schoenbrunn Palace, Vienna.

Still need information leading to the acquisition of the Gold Key. We know where it is, but not the quest that activates it. Contact Arad Gibil at Sorpical Inn. Soon. Or you'll never see your gnome again.

BOGS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the author of the Murkwood article.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is the author of *Underground Vienna* for "spreading scurrilous scandal."

BORIS SPEAKS!

Boris seems to have skipped a year a couple of issues ago. This is actually Fall 1907, not 1908 as previously indicated.

Address change: It's time for the annual homeward migration of college kids, so Lord Devoni can again be reached at 201 Devon Ct, FWB, FL 32548-3110, Phone (904)-862-5965.

COASTCON was again a series of triumphs for devotees of this journal. Boris himself won the abbreviated *Diplomacy* tournament over such luminaries as the Tsar and Sid Kuhn, while the Tsar and Sid trashed all comers at *Axis and Allies*. Ms Nar wimped out and failed to defend her *Naval War* title. And speaking of wimping out, Emperor Wilson failed to make an appearance, much less put his reputation on the line in the *DIP* tourney. No official *Rail Baron* tourney was staged, so Boris remains MS State Champion.

Thought for the Season: Corruption wears infinite disguises.
---Tleilaxu Thu-zen

TROOP MOVEMENTS

German A GAL retreated to RUM.

AUSTRIA: A Arm-Sev, A Bud-Rum, A *Bul-Ser*, A Gal S A Bud-Rum, A Tri-Ven, A Trl-Pie, A Ukr S A Bud-Rum, F Adr S A Tri-Ven, F *Con-Bul(sc)*, F *Ion-Nap*;
 ENGLAND: A Bel-Nwy, A Fin-StP, F Bar S A Fin-StP, F Mid-Por, F Nth C A Bel-Nwy, F Nwy-Swe, F Wes-Tyn;
 FRANCE: A Bur-Bel, A *Gas-Mar*, A Spa S ENG F Mid-Por, F *Nap-Ion*, F Pie-Tus;
 GERMANY: A Boh-Vie, A *Rum-Ser(d)*, A Hol H, F Den-Bal;
 ITALY: A Tun H, A *Ven-Tri(r-???)*, F *Lyo-Mar*, F *Por-Spa(sc)(d)*;
 RUSSIA: F *StP(sc)-Fin(r-???)*.

Orders in italics fail; (d) unit destroyed for lack of retreat;
 (r-???) = must either disband or retreat. Italian A VEN must either disband or retreat to APU or TRL; Russian F STP(sc) must either disband or retreat to BOT or LVN to starve.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, Tri, Gre, Ser, Bul, Rum, Sev, Con, War, Ank, Mos, Smy, -Vie, +Ven	(13) Build 2 *
ENG:	Edi, Lon, Lpl, -Hol, Nwy, Swe, -Bel, +Por, +StP	(7) Even
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Nap, Spa, +Bel	(6) Build 2
GER:	Ber, Mun, Den, Kie, +Hol, +Vie	(6) Build 3
ITA:	Rom, -Ven, Tun, -Por	(2) Tear 1 **
RUS:	-StP	(0) Tear 1 OUT

* Entitled to threes builds but only has two centers open.

** Need only tear one if A VEN disbands rather than retreats.

 DEADLINE for Spring '03 orders is 15 May 89.



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22 May 89

Spring 1908

STUPID BEAM STRIKES WEST!

MINAS MORGUL--Our experimental Stupid Beam has been hailed as a qualified success in its initial testing against the Western Alliance. In its first turn of use it caused the Anglo-German Alliance to mix it up over LVN while France forgot to order her F TUS to capture ROM. The Chief Bug is rumored to be planning a second test against Austria in the near future.

EMBASSY BEAT

BUDAPEST--The Royal Austrian Confectioner unveiled a new creation this week in celebration of the great victories over the Ottoman Empire and German renegades. Dubbed the Blue Half Moon, it is basically a cross between a croissant and strudel. Denizens of this fair city seem partial to enjoying it with coffee in the morning, and with a little white wine at supper.

LONDON--The British War Department under Lord Kitchen made the following statement today. "Due to the total lack of communication from the Austrian government, the English government has had no option but to go into a higher DEFENSIVE posture. With the concurrence of the newly elected Russian government-in-exile, additional troops from England have occupied the Baltic Coast states. The state of affairs will continue until communications have been re-established. We are not looking for hostilities with Austria but will not allow ourselves to be unprepared."

CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted: Return of one, shiney sword bearing the initials "DDoL."
Reward. No questions asked. Reply Box 69.

Wanted: Something witty to put here.

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Boris for the Minas Morgul article.

No one received a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb this time. Ms Nar felt good this week.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: (from Keith Laumer's "Reward for Relief")

"Guess I got the wrong idea, Mr. Magnan," Bill explained. "Sometimes when you diplomatic fellers talk, it's hard to say if you're for or against."

"That, Sergeant," Magnan said loftily, "is precisely the essence of enlightened diplomacy."

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Italy disbanded A VEN rather than retreat. Austria built A TRI and BUD. France built A PAR and F MAR. Germany built A BER, A KIE, and A MUN.



AUSTRIA: A Bud-Vie, A Bul-Gre, A Gal-War, A Pie S A Ven, A Rum-Gal, A
 Sev-Mos, A Tri S A Bud-Vie, A Ukr S A Sev-Mos, A Ven S A Pie
 F Adr S F Ion, F Con-Aeq, F Ion S ITA F Lvo-Tyn;
 ENGLAND: A Nwy-StP, A StP-Lyn, F Bar-Nwy, F Nth S F Swe-Den, F
 Por-Mid, F Swe-Den, F Tyn S FRE F Tus-Rom(r-???);
 FRANCE: A Bel H, A Gas-Mar, A Par H, A Spa H(u), F Mar-Lvo, F Nap S
 F Tus-Rom(nso), F Tus H(u);
 GERMANY: A Ber-Sil, A Hol-Kie, A Kie-Mun, A Mun-Trl, A Vie H(r-???),
 F Bal-Lyn;
 ITALY: A Tun H, F Lvo-Tyn.

Orders in italics fail; nso = unit not so ordered; u = unit unordered.
 English F TYN must either disband or retreat to WES or ROM. German A
 VIE must either disband or retreat to BOH.

 DEADLINE for Fall 1988 orders is 19 Jun 89.

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26 Jun 89

Fall 1908

KING ABDICATES! TSAR NOW REIGNS!

CLIFFHOME--In a surprise move sure to turn the face of Europe topsy-turvy, King Wayne of Britain has resigned his throne in favor of the now landless Tsar Paul. His former Majesty cited "a desire to travel, see the mysterious East, and to do some peasant (sic) hunting." Perhaps he just wanted to escape Duke Patrick's troops while there is still time. Meanwhile two more German armies have pulled their now famous disappearing trick.

EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--"Kaiser Deplores Destruction of Army Group South: Calls for War with Austria" In a speech today the Kaiser denounced Austria for the massacre of the "German Rogue Army" in the Baltic States near SER. "It was a rogue army, acting neither under control of or on orders of the German military command but they were still Germans! This atrocity will not go unanswered!"

Unconfermed reports that the Balkin gypsies ambushed the Southern Army after Jewish merchants sold them bad provisions and defective ammo before passing through dense woods towards SER have been denighed by local authorities. Rampant rumors concerning the fighting have united the German people into a war-frenzy and army camps throughout Germany have experienced a surge in new enlistments.

BERLIN--The Kaiser today released the following statement:
"The whole of Europe has turned against the Austrian Tyrant and his Italian lackeys and victory will prevale with the rightist, light must overcome the darkness threatening our contenent."

BUDAPEST--Speaking with reporters briefly regarding recent English pronouncements, Prime Minister Patrick issued a warning to the English Government to withdraw its forces from Eastern Europe. "We did not liberate WAR just to see it fall into English hands. Our alliance with Italy and devotion to the Holy See make this crusade a gilt-edged priority. Someday a Polish pope may live in Rome, and by God I swear he'll not be English!!!"

LONDON--A communication failure has been blamed for the abortive occupation of the northern Russian territories. The atmospheric disturbances are unusual for this time of year and its source could not be determined. One of our leading scientists, Lord Marconi, states that an unsuspected source of radio interference is the cause but lacked the equipment to detect its source. Other methods of communication will be utilised until the interference is eliminated.

LONDON--Communications have finally been re-established with Austria. Frank and honest discussion is taking place with possible troop withdrawals as part of the agenda. Failure of these talks with the Austrian government give us call for great concern and the possibility of open warfare between our nations is one of the most prominent. It



will take more than luck to keep the peace between the two empires.
Our hopes go with the negotiators of our future.

WINDSOR CASTLE--The first official act of the new English Tsar is to
call for a vote for concession to Austria.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

LISBON LISTENER--The English fleet has elected to retreat to WES due
to the increased French presence. Admiral of the Fleet Sir Anthony
Phoump stated, "We do not wish to interfere with the French need to
manuever in the Med. We supported France with our fleet to compensate
for our earlier interference. They now have the strength to go on the
offensive without our support. Our best wishes go with them in
containing the Austrian forces and forcing Austria to the bargaining
table. *Vive la France!*"

CLASSIFIEDS

Looks to me like the Kaiser needs a better German-English translation
service.
---Boris

Zarte, knuspige Waffelrollchen nach traditionell Wiener Art
zubereitet, gefüllt mit feiner Creme aus frisch gerosteten Haselnüssen
und mit Vollmilchskokolade umhüllt.

Message to English Fleet Med: "The Roman holiday is cancelled; Egypt
is cheaper."

Still looking to activate the Gold Key. Apply Arad Gibil at the Inn
of Dusk.

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Duke
Patrick for his article datelined Budapest.

There will be no recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb this season.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: We are going to have peace even if we have to
fight for it."
--Dwight D. Eisenhower

Wayne Morrison is going PCS to the Philippines. His address there, if
you care to write him, is: SMSgt Wayne Morrison, 3rd EMS, PSC 1 Box
592, APO San Francisco 96286-0006. Wayne is looking for postal
victims--er, opponents, in *THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN*.

A vote for concession to Austria has been called for. Each active
player is entitled to one vote, abstentions counting as a "Yes".
Simple majority rules. If the game is conceded, it will end after the
Winter builds.

It seems Boris blundered grossly last Fall and allowed France two
builds instead of the one she deserved. Nobody seemed to notice.
Well, all good things come to an end, Monsieur.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

English F TYN retreated to WES; German A VIE retreated to BOH.

AUSTRIA: A Gal-Boh, A Gre H, *A Mos-StP*, A Pie-Trl, A Tri S A
Pie-Trl, A Ukr-Gal, A Ven S A Pie-Trl, A Vie S A Gal-Boh, *A*
War-Sil F Adr-Apu, F Aeg S F Ion, F Ion S F Adr-Apu;
ENGLAND: A Nwy-Swe, A StP-Lvn, *F Bar-StP(nc)*, F Den H, F Mid-Por, F
Nth S F Den, F Wes-Spa(sc);
FRANCE: A Bel H, A Mar-Pie, A Par-Bre, A Spa-Tus, F Lyo C A Spa-Tus,
F Nap S F Tus-Tyn, F Tus-Tyn;
GERMANY: *A Boh-Vie(d)*, A Kie-Ber, A Mun S A Trl, *A Sil-War*, *A Trl*
S A Boh-Vie(d), F Bal-Pru;
ITALY: A Tun H, *F Tyn S A Tun(r-???)*.

Orders in italics fail; d = destroyed due to lack of retreat, Italian
F TYN must either disband or retreat to ROM or WES. Players may make
orders conditional on this retreat.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, Tri, Gre, Ser, Bul, Rum, Sev, Con, War, Ank, Mos, Smy, Ven, +Vie	(14) Build 1*
ENG:	Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, Swe, Por, StP, +Den, +Spa	(9) Build 2
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Nap, -Spa, Bel	(5) Tear 2
GER:	Ber, Mun, -Den, Kie, Hol, -Vie	(4) No change
ITA:	Rom, Tun	(2) No change

* Entitled to two but only has one vacant home center.

DEADLINE for Spring 1989 orders is 24 Jul 89.

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BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"

--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

31 Jul 89

Winter 1908/09

WAR OVER: AUSTRIANS RIOT!

MURKWOOD--Delegates from the five remaining European Great Powers met in Washington yesterday to formally cease hostilities. By a 5-0 vote all of Duke Patrick's demands were met, and Austria-Hungary is now the Master of Europe and most of the world. Having won the war, Duke Donald must now win the peace. Considering the mentality of the Austrian Police State, this is not likely and we can expect periodic rebellions and assassinations in an Austria dominated Europe--expect and foment. Meanwhile, back in Vienna the victory celebrations got out of hand as frenzied mobs chanting "We're Number 1!", "We are A-H!", and "Ara stop the snow!" tore down the goalposts at the city football stadium. Already young men are refusing to show up for induction into the now superfluous Austrian army and recruiting quotas could not be made. Our plans may have been foiled, but sufficient tensions remain that we can still obtain our objective of a divided Terra.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings...and here she comes now.

The concession vote was 4 ayes and one abstention, making it 5-0 for the concession. Congratulations, Don!

There will be one more issue of *Boris*. Players are invited to submit postgame comments, complaints, or whatever. Boris is considering starting another game soon, so also indicate whether you'd be interested in playing again. Once again I invite your comments on whether this 'zine should be expanded to include multiple games of *Diplomacy* or perhaps other games like *Civilization*, *Titan*, *Magic Realm*, or what have you.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: NMR--would have played 2 units short
ENGLAND: Build F LPL & F LON
FRANCE: Disband F NAP & A TUS
GERMANY: No change
ITALY: No change

DEADLINE for final issue is 5 Sep 89.





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24 Sep 89

Spring 1909

THE SILENCE IS DEAFENING

MINAS MORGUL--The response to last issue's call for end of game statements/evaluations/congratulations has been underwhelming. The only press received was Austria's tardy Winter orders and a hurried phone call from the Tsar. Rather than wait any longer, let's wrap up *Boris II* so we can get on with *Boris III*.

EMBASSY BEAT

BUDAPEST--The Imperial Conclave of Austro-Hungarian Noblemen (ICAHN), meeting in formal session, has declared Donald, Duke of Lippizan and current Prime Minister, to be Archduke. Pledges of loyalty were signed by all present. Included in the citation were references to his unification of the Austrian and Ottoman Empires, conquest of the Grand Duchy of Sevastopol, occupation of Moscow, liberation of Warsaw, and the great purge of German renegades and restoration of the Austro-Germanic border.

LONDON--As all soldiers do, that return from the war, so has the Tsar. The Tsar wishes to formally announce that the Tsarina is with child. It is His Highness's highest hope that the expected Tsarevich will carry on the struggle against Austria.

CLASSIFIEDS

Fire Sale! All items must go! Superb bargains on slightly-used, German-manufactured arms. Excellent selection. Bring this ad and get an additional 5% discount. Amadeus Army-Navy Surplus. Vienna.

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the author of the Classified ad.

No Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb will be awarded this time.

BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: A Diplomat is a man who can convince his wife that she'd look stout in a fur coat.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Tsar Paul Saunders, 18411 Lost Knife Circle #201, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. Phone (301)-926-4649.

Birthday greetings go out this time to Ms Nar, Boris, and Lord Devoni.

The principals will find a complete game transcript enclosed.

